

MEMORANDUM

October 11, 2019

Utah's First-Ever K-20 Summit: Nov. 14, 2019

Below is the agenda for the Utah K-20 Summit, to be held November 14, 2019 at Utah Valley University, from 10:30 – 7:00pm.

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Morning Convening

- 1. Welcome
- 2. **Remarks:** Harris Simmons, Chair of the USHE Board of Regents; Mark Huntsman, Chair of the Utah State Board of Education; and Steven Moore, Chair of the UTech Board of Trustees
- 3. **Utah's changing demographics and challenges with the talent pipeline:** Natalie Gochnour, Associate Dean in the David Eccles School of Business and Director of the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute at the University of Utah
- 4. **Utah's growing opportunity gap:** Carrie Mayne, Associate Commissioner of Workforce and Research, Utah System of Higher Education
- 5. Panel discussion on the importance of the transition from high school to postsecondary education: Dave Woolstenhulme, Commissioner of Higher Education; Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent; and Jared Haines, Commissioner of Technical Education
- **6. Overview of goals and anticipated outcomes for the day:** Dave Woolstenhulme, Commissioner of Higher Education

Lunch: 12:30 – 1:00 pm

1:00 – 4:00 pm Breakout Sessions (two 1.5-hour sessions that will repeat)

A) Earning Postsecondary Credit in High School

- Increasing access to accelerated coursework (Advanced Placement/Concurrent Enrollment/International Baccalaureate)
- Career and technical education in high school
- Four-year college and career readiness plans in high school
- Discussion

B) Postsecondary Access and Readiness

- Statewide expansion of the Utah College Advising Corps
- Prioritization of state scholarships
- FAFSA completion in Utah
- Key external partners to aid in college access: Utah Futures, United Way, Keys to Success
- Discussion

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Discussion and Next Steps

1. Review of discussion from each breakout session

- 2. **Discussion:** Proposed Joint Board Resolution
- 3. Next steps: Commissioner of Higher Education Dave Woolstenhulme

5:30 – 7:00 pm Reception

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the USHE Board of Regents with invited guests, special remarks, and hors d'oeuvres at Utah Valley University's Grand Ballroom.



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Joint Board Resolution

WHEREAS, college and career readiness is a shared stewardship of all state education entities; and

WHEREAS, all Utahns should have access to high-quality college and career opportunities; and

WHEREAS, earning a college certificate or degree is crucial to thrive in today's economy; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life in Utah heavily depends on the educational attainment of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, there are significant educational attainment gaps in Utah for underrepresented students and families; and

WHEREAS, if these gaps persist, the State of Utah will miss out on nearly 300,000 degrees and certificates by the year 2065; and

WHEREAS, ensuring all Utahns have access to a high-quality postsecondary education is necessary for the economic success of the state and the well-being of its citizens;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Utah State Board of Education, the Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees, and the Utah System of Higher Education Board of Regents direct their respective chief executives to align goals and resources that achieve the following outcomes to best support Utahns' pursuit of postsecondary education:

- 1. Encourage students to pursue postsecondary goals while in high school, including technical education, that best help students be successful in their future workforce and educational opportunities.
- 2. Provide a college access advisor for every high school in the state to help students access postsecondary success.
- 3. Support for a statewide, authoritative, online platform to guide K-12 students and returning adults in their postsecondary and workforce decisions.
- 4. Reprioritize state scholarship dollars to improve access to postsecondary education, especially for underrepresented populations.

Dated this X day of November, 2019.