Utah State University (USU)
Center for the School of the Future (CSF)
Utah Charter School Authorization (Utah Code. 53G-5-306)

**USU/CSF client charter schools would have access to university expertise in support of their efforts to dramatically increase student learning and knowledge acquisition.**

Ask: $500,000 line item request to support USU/CSF in creating infrastructure for charter school authorization and professional support for sustainable impact on achieving high levels of K-12 student learning.

**Key Metric:** Dramatic increase in client charter school student learning and knowledge acquisition rates.

**USU Mission:** “… serving the public through learning, discovery, and engagement.”

**Statutory Authority of USU/CSF in 1999:** CSF is charged in Utah Code 53B-18-801 “... to promote best practices in the state’s public Education system and encourage cooperative and research development relationships between public and higher education.” (https://www.usu.edu/about/)

**CSF Mission:** “… foster 100% student learning proficiency in CSF client schools so all students are liberated from the constraints of limited opportunity.” (https://csf.usu.edu/)

Approximately 135 charter schools currently in Utah.

80,000+ Utah students receive their education in publicly funded charter schools.

12% of Utah students attend charter schools.

6 of the highest 10 performing elementary schools and 8 of the highest 10 performing secondary schools in Utah were charters.

The proportion of charter schools identified for “turnaround status” was higher than what is present in traditional public schools.

USU is the largest publicly funded IHE preparer of teachers in the state.