

MEMORANDUM

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Update: Education Coordinating Committee

The Commissioner of Higher Education and State Superintendent hosted the first meeting of the Education Coordinating Committee on May 20. This Committee, <u>established in state statute</u>, is tasked with coordinating strategic planning efforts and aligning strategic plans between the Utah System of Higher Education and the Utah State Board of Education. The Committee is made up of individuals who have responsibilities related to Utah's education system, including:

- the state superintendent of public instruction;
- the commissioner of higher education;
- the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services
- the executive director of the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity
- the chair of the State Board of Education;
- the chair of the Utah Board of Higher Education;
- a member of the governor's staff; and
- the chairs of the Education Interim Committee.

After the initial meeting, the Commissioner and State Superintendent directed their staffs to work together to identify areas within their strategic plans that need increased alignment and a process by which to align those areas. The identified areas and proposed process will be reported back to the Committee at its next quarterly meeting, to be held in early fall 2021.

Commissioner's Recommendation

Information item only.