

MEMO

TO: Superintendent Gina Butters, Board President Paul Widdison, WSD Board Members

FROM: Sheri Heiter

DATE: April 23, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of the Continuous Improvement Expert for Country View Elementary

As a result of the 2022 General Legislative Session, the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) identified the lowest performing non-Title I schools in order to implement targeted support and improvement activities as defined under federal requirements. The program is called *Elevate* and schools are invited to participate through a competitive grant process. Country View Elementary applied and was awarded a \$375,000 four-year grant. They began participating in the program in the fall of 2023. Through the four-year process, the school will work with the USBE Center for Continuous School Improvement and other experts to evaluate and analyze a wealth of data (student performance, classroom observations, climate, etc.) in order to elicit and support high levels of learning for all students.

The *Elevate* program requires collaboration with a Utah State Board of Education-approved Continuous Improvement Expert during years two through four. Weber School District issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking such an expert in December, 2023. Due to the low response, the RFP was reissued in February, 2024. A committee comprised of the school principal, the school's instructional coach, a special education teacher, a parent and the Weber School District data coach was convened in March, 2024 to review the two submissions (Innovations Education and Catapult Learning).

Following a detailed analysis of the two proposals, using a technical rubric, it was determined that the best service for the money was offered by Catapult Learning. Catapult Learning has a long history of providing educational solutions that generate demonstrable academic achievement and better outcomes for all students. Their team of over 15,000 educators builds teacher and leadership capacity through evidence-based programs and they foster accountable school and community relationships through clear and transparent collaboration.

At this time, we respectfully request Board approval for the selection of Catapult Learning as the school improvement expert to support Country View Elementary in the Elevate process.