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TO: Superintendent Jeff Stephens, Board President Jon Ritchie, WSD Board Members

FROM: Sheri Heiter

DATE: July 22, 2021

SUBJECT: Approval of the Weber School District Early Learning Plan for 2021-2022

The *Weber School District Early Learning Plan for 2021-2022* was submitted to the Utah State Board of Education for pre-approval on July 15, 2021. The *Plan* has been changed to include both numeracy and early literacy components. Students in grades K-3 will be assessed on both academic areas three times per year. The *Plan* includes information relative to Core instruction in mathematics and literacy, interventions and support for struggling students. At this time, the two required local goals focus only on literacy.

Early Literacy Goal #1:

By May 27, 2022, Weber School District will increase the percentage of 1st grade students at or above benchmark in Acadience Reading DIBELS Nonsense Word Fluency, correct letter sounds (NWF-CLS) by 8%, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year by providing ongoing professional learning, instructional coaching and grade-level collaboration. Students will also receive supplemental support by using Imagine Learning and/or Reading Horizons. The goal is to support students in mastering basic phonics skills.

Early Literacy Goal #2:

By May 27, 2022, Weber School District will increase the percentage of 3rd grade students at or above benchmark in Acadience Reading DIBELS Oral Reading Fluency (DORF) accuracy by 7% from the beginning of the year to the end of the year by providing ongoing professional learning, instructional coaching, grade-level collaboration, targeted instruction and by ensuring equal time reading both literature and informational content. Students will also receive supplemental support using *Imagine Learning* and/or *Reading Horizons*. The goals are to support students by filling learning gaps and to maximize “in text” time.

The entire *Weber School District Early Learning Plan for 2021-2022* is attached for your reference. At this time, we respectfully request Board approval of the included *Plan* in order to move to the next step with the Utah State Board of Education.