

MEMO

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FROM: Superintendent Gina Butters

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DATE: March 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Catalyst Grant Updates

The purpose of this memo is to provide context for a board presentation on our district's future plans with Weber Innovation Center and Weber Online.

Overview:

We will provide an overview of the proposed Innovation Campus model, beginning with the funding support including the \$5 million IHC Grant, the district's \$25 million allocation just received, and the support of key state leaders, followed by a clear explanation of how the model is grounded in Personalized Competency-Based Learning (PCBL), Leadership and Industry. We will outline the main components of the campus: industry-aligned academies, embedded durable skills and leadership development, and real-world, workforce-connected learning experiences. We will explain how the eight academies were selected based on workforce data and student interest, how they build upon existing CTE programs in partnership with our secondary schools, and what a typical student day and learning experience will look like. Additionally, we will discuss the general timeline and next steps, as well as how this campus is strategically designed to retain and grow in-district enrollment in an increasingly competitive school choice environment. This will be a student-centered and student-led campus model.