

LEGISLATIVE AND BOARD RULE CHANGES FOR SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCILS

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Please note that when reviewing bills and the rule listed below, any underlined text is new language and any text with a line through it is language being deleted. Bills are not completed until the governor signs them or allows them to be enacted. We do not anticipate a governor veto on these bills.

School Community Council related bills passed in the 2020 Legislative Session

HB 16 SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM AMENDMENTS sponsored by Representative Dan Johnson

<https://le.utah.gov/~2020/bills/static/HB0016.html>

The bill increases school meal opportunities for children. Local boards may choose not to participate. A board may choose to opt when a council recommends that the school not participate.

HB 58 ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES IN SCHOOLS AMENDMENTS sponsored by Representative Susan Pulsipher

<https://le.utah.gov/~2020/bills/static/HB0058.html>

Under the requirements of this bill, the school community council or charter trust land council provides input to the school principal in developing a positive behaviors plan. The positive behaviors plan is a *plan to address the causes of student use of tobacco, alcohol, electronic cigarette products, and other controlled substances through promoting positive behaviors*. We believe this requirement could be included in the council's digital citizenship and safety responsibilities. We will provide training materials in the coming months.

HCR 3 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING CONSIDERATION OF A LATER START TIME FOR HIGH SCHOOL sponsored by Representative Suzanne Harrison

<https://le.utah.gov/~2020/bills/static/HCR003.html>

This is a resolution. It doesn't enact law but gives direction or states a position of policy makers. The resolution encourages school districts and charter schools, in consultation with their respective high school community councils, to consider the possible benefits and consequences of a later start to the school day for high schools.

HB 372 DIGITAL WELLNESS, CITIZENSHIP, AND SAFER TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION sponsored by Representative Keven Stratton

<https://le.utah.gov/~2020/bills/static/HB0372.html>

The bill creates a commission to advance the goal of training every student in healthy behavior related to technology use. The commission is charged with identifying best practices, compiling, publishing and encouraging coordination of resources as well as identifying and compiling emerging research related to digital citizenship and social/emotional learning. The work of the commission could make additional resources available to councils in implementing digital citizenship and school safety responsibilities.

Utah State Board of Education Rule 277-477 Amendments

The list of appropriate expenditures for the School LAND Trust plans is broadened. The rule includes a list of priority academic areas that have been established by the legislature and Utah State Board of Education. Additional academic areas may be identified and addressed that are consistent with the priorities and approval of the local board of education or chartering entity.

<https://site.utah.gov/slt/wp-content/uploads/sites/32/2020/03/R277-477-DRAFT-5-March-2020-Board-Agenda.pdf>