JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO: All Principals

FROM: Laura Finlinson, Administrator of Curriculum and Staff Development

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SUBJECT: Upcoming Changes to UTIPS

USBE has been working to update the UTIPS system to be aligned with the Utah Core. The item bank for English language arts is 100% updated and aligned with the core, the math item bank is 75% completed, and the science item bank will be updated later this fall.

Teachers will now need to check their assessments on UTIPS to be sure that they are aligned to the Utah Core as well. The standards bank in UTIPS will be updated in mid-September and all obsolete standards will be removed from the system. This will affect any teacher-created assessments that are not aligned to the current core.

We ask that all principals pass this information on to their faculties so that teachers may take the appropriate actions to ensure that they will still have access to their assessments on UTIPS and that those assessments are aligned to and assessing the current Utah Core.

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Jameson at 801-567-8243.