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December 16, 2020

Mr. Larry Madden, Interim Superintendent  
Ms. Melissa Ford, Board President  
Salt Lake School District  
440 East 100 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Dear Superintendent Madden and Board President Ford:

Congratulations! We are happy to inform you that West High School is being recognized as a Utah High School of Excellence for "Closing the Opportunity Gap" for Utah's multilingual learners. Salt Lake is also being honored for East High School as a Utah Exemplary High School.

Salt Lake School District was among seven school districts recognized for its efforts to provide equitable access and success to coursework that prepares multilingual learners for future success. We are recognizing eight High Schools of Excellence and three Exemplary High Schools.

The commitment by the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) is to honor those educators who have supported equitable access to the same educational opportunities offered to English speaking peers. Your work with high school principals and teachers provides an important learning opportunity for all of us to better support an effective transition to post-secondary education for success in both career and college. We appreciate your contributions to the future wellbeing of Utah's families and communities.

**The criteria for a recognized Utah High Schools of Excellence are:**

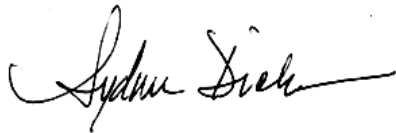
- Enrollment over 800
- 25-50% Economically Disadvantaged students
- 10-15% Multilingual Learners (students currently learning English)
- 25-45% Students have achieved her/his individual annual growth goal
- 10% or more have achieved English proficiency
- 33-45% Achieving Advanced Coursework for Post-Secondary Success (Closing the Opportunity Gap)

**The criteria for a recognized Utah Exemplary High Schools are:**

- Enrollment over 1500
- 50+% Economically Disadvantaged students
- 15+% Students Learning English
- 35-50% Students have achieved her/his individual annual growth goal
- 50-80% Achieving Advanced Coursework for Post-Secondary Success (Closing the Opportunity Gap)

East and West High Schools will be highlighted on the USBE website in State Superintendent Dickson's messages as well as receive a framed Certificate of Achievement. Your district will also be recognized in the January 2021 Board meeting Spotlight. Thank you again for your commitment to our Utah multilingual students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sydnee Dickson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sydnee Dickson, Ed.D.  
State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Utah State Board of Education