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The Office of the Utah State Auditor Presents Audit Results for the Minimum School Program

*This Morning Results were Presented to the
Legislative Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee*

Salt Lake City, UTAH –

Today, the Office of the Utah State Auditor presented its latest audit findings on the Minimum School Program to the Public Education Appropriations Legislative Subcommittee. This audit had two objectives:

- Test the FY2012 Minimum School Program (MSP) fund allocations for accuracy and compliance
- Determine whether the FY2014 MSP legislative budget projections were reasonable

The audit tested 10 programs for compliance and reviewed 5 budget projections.

This report identifies 4 key audit findings which result in a projected \$5 million in improper funding allocations in the Minimum School Program for 2012, allocations which are projected to carry forward into 2014 budgeting. In each case, programs either did not use proper historical or actual data, or could not identify the source of data used in their calculations and allocations. This lack of rigor in identifying data that is used to calculate significant funding allocations is a serious problem in an era of streamlined budgets and seems to systematically contribute to over and under allocations of funds within Utah's education system.

The Office recommends that the Utah State Office of Education takes immediate corrective action on these problems.

A copy of the presentation materials can be found at auditor.utah.gov/presentations/MSP%20Audit%20-%20Public%20Ed%20approps%20Presentation.pdf
A copy of the audit can be found at auditor.utah.gov/_finAudit/rpts/2012/12-OOE-7.pdf

About the Office of the Utah State Auditor

The Office of the Utah State Auditor provides Utah taxpayers and government officials with an independent assessment of financial operation, statutory compliance, and performance management for state and local government.

Specific activities of the Office include performing financial audits, conducting Federal funds compliance audits, providing local government oversight, conducting agency and program performance audits, performing fraud & compliance audits, and operating the State Auditor Hotline for citizens to report suspected financial issues or improprieties. These capabilities strengthen Utah State Government and help taxpayers have confidence in the integrity of Utah's government agencies.

The Utah State Auditor is a Constitutional Officer of the State of Utah, elected directly by the state's citizens every 4 years. The role of the Utah State Auditor is authorized in Article VII, Section 15 of the Utah Constitution.

The Office of the Utah State Auditor takes seriously any improper or questionable use of public funds. Any individual who has knowledge of the improper use of public funds can report such concerns to our Hotline, by visiting hotline.utah.gov.

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