



VOTE YES on SB121

Long-term Educational Achievement Program

Sponsored by Senator Lincoln Fillmore

Centering parent voice and leadership in public education.

Every parent wants what's best for their child. Yet, many families experience difficulties due to the realities that come with raising a family in a volatile economy or while working to overcome intergenerational poverty.

100,000 Utah kids live below the poverty line, meaning they live on the verge of homelessness, face hunger and malnutrition, or don't have access to adequate healthcare. SB121 aims to create a pilot program which fosters cross-sector collaboration, with parents at the forefront, to mitigate these challenges **so that teachers can teach, and kids can learn.**

SB121 Long-term Educational Achievement Program (LEAP) focuses on:

1

Reinforcing the role of parents

as stewards over their children's formation, including guiding them in the values, traditions, and character traits most important to their family.

2

Freeing schools

to focus on teaching the basics – reading, writing, and arithmetic.

3

Aligning community

leaders and resources across sectors to fill gaps related to basics needs to give struggling families peace of mind and allow educators to focus on education.

If children are hungry, homeless, sick, or afraid, their ability to learn is significantly impaired. Overcoming the challenges so many of our kids face **requires parents, schools, and community leaders, working as a team**, with a clear vision and a game plan designed to win.

Data and Privacy

LEAP only rewards programs that work and can be a model for others to emulate. To measure outcomes effectively, local education agencies (LEAs) need to be able to track results. **SB121 works within state and federal laws to ensure student data is de-identified and student privacy is protected.**

Investing in the Future of Our Children

The success of every child in our communities is priceless. SB121 comes with a one-time price tag of \$30 million over 5 to 6 years. That breaks down to \$6 million a year over 5 years or \$5 million a year over 6 years.

SB121 protects taxpayer dollars by setting high standards and outcome metrics. LEAP dollars can only be distributed to fund approved strategies included in the LEA's proposed plan to improve student outcomes.

Vote yes to support parents' right to lead in the formation and education of their children, free teachers to teach, and align communities to support the well-being of kids and families.

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