SALT LAKE VIRTUAL ELEMENTARY

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BACKGROUND

- Families wanted an elementary synchronous alternative during the pandemic
- SLVE was created as a two-year pilot using ESSR funds
  - Because it was given a school number, we are required to go through the school closure process in order to end the pilot
- Enrollment during 2021-22 was comparable to other elementary schools
- Enrollment during 2022-23 has decreased dramatically

G-5 VIRTUAL SCHOOL CLOSURE PROCESS & UTAH CODE SCHOOL CLOSURE PROCESS

In closing the virtual school, the board complied with the following process (more extensive than current statutory requirements):

1. By April 15th of the 2022/23 school year:
   a. the district notified all parents of enrolled students that the board was considering closing the virtual school
   b. the district notified Salt Lake City Council members and the Mayor of Salt Lake City of the proposed closure

Notification to parents, Council members, and the Mayor was sent on February 8, 2023

PROCESS AND DATES CONTINUED

2. The board provided an opportunity for public comment on the proposed virtual school closure during two public board meetings; and

Public comment sessions held on:

May 2, 2023

May 16, 2023

3. The board held a public hearing on the proposed closure and provided public notice of the hearing in accordance with state law.

Public hearing was held on:

June 6, 2023

OPTIONS DISCUSSED MARCH 21, 2023

Option 1: Maintain SLVE as a school

Option 2: Create a program within an existing school

Option 3: Outsource services to:

Utah Online School Washington County

or

Rocky Peak Virtual Elementary Jordan District

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Do not continue with internal elementary online options beyond the 2022-23 school year
2. Outsource online learning opportunities to a program in the state that best meets the needs of the student
   - Provide information to parents about Rocky Peak Virtual Elementary in Jordan School District
3. Create a window for families enrolled in SLVE during the 2022/23 school year to submit school choice applications for the 2023/24 school year
   - Upon board approval, window would open on June 26, 2023 and close July 14, 2023
   - Communicate that all students will be able to return in-person to their SLCSD neighborhood schools when they choose