

# State Charter School Board

## Idea for Pre-Turnaround Warning Status

- (1) Whereas a low performing school is defined in Utah Code Ann. § 53A-1-1202(11):  
"Low performing school" means a district school or charter school that has been designated a low performing school by the board because the school is:
  - (a) *for two consecutive school years in the lowest performing 3% of schools statewide according to the percentage of possible points earned under the school accountability system; and*
  - (b) *a low performing school according to other outcome-based measures as may be defined in rules made by the board in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.*
- (2) Whereas the required action to terminate or turn around a low performing charter school is outlined in Utah Code Ann. § 53A-1-1205.
- (3) Whereas the implications for a low performing charter school to improve school performance are outlined in Utah Code Ann. § 53A-1-1206:
  - (4) *If a low performing school does not meet exit criteria after the school's final remedial year or the last school year of the extension period, the board may intervene by:*  
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    - (b) *restructuring a charter school by:*
      - (i) *terminating a school's charter;*
      - (ii) *closing a charter school; or*
      - (iii) *transferring operation and control of the charter school to:*
        - (A) *a high performing charter school; or*
        - (B) *the school district in which the charter school is located;....*
- (4) A charter school authorized by the State Charter School Board that is in the lowest performing 3% of schools statewide, according to the percentage of possible points earned under the school accountability system, but does not meet the criteria of being a low performing school according to Utah Code Ann. §53A-1-1202(11), is automatically designated in "Pre-Turnaround Warning Status."
- (5) Schools in Pre-Turnaround Warning Status shall:
  - a. Have a mentor assigned through the mentoring program in Utah Code Ann. § 53A-1a-513.2;
  - b. Perform a root cause analysis;
  - c. Report to the State Charter School Board on progress and compliance with the school's Charter Agreement no later than July; and
  - d. Rectify any other identified deficiencies.
- (6) Pre-Turnaround Warning Status ends when the next accountability results are published (around September).
  - a. If the school is not designated for the second consecutive school year in the lowest performing 3% of schools, Pre-Turnaround Warning Status ends with no further designation unless needed to rectify other deficiencies.
  - b. If the school is designated for the second consecutive school year in the lowest performing 3% of schools statewide, Pre-Turnaround Warning Status ends and the school is either terminated or enters Turnaround as outlined in Utah Code Ann. § 53A-1-1205.
    - i. While in Turnaround, a school may be placed on warning or probation as needed to rectify other deficiencies.
    - ii. While in Turnaround, a school may also be terminated (see Utah Code Ann. § 53A-1-1205(10)).