



WASATCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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School LAND Trust Report for 2011 – 2012

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The School LAND Trust program has made a positive difference for the students at Wasatch Elementary School. Our goal was to help all students improve their reading ability.

The School LAND Trust money paid for about half of a teacher's contract at Wasatch during the 2011-2012 school year. This helped decrease class size and student/teacher ratios.

Our reading instruction is supported with technology, both during instruction and assessment. We needed new computers that would run high-end programs that support our reading instruction; we spent all of our carry over money to purchase new computers for our computer lab. Just over 27 iMac computers were purchased with Trust LANDS funds. A local budget provided the money to bring the total number to 30 computers purchased. We spent the full amount of money carried over to the 2011-2012 school year on this purchase.

About 7% of the LAND Trust money was used to benefit our 2012 summer school program. The summer break provided time to help students, who were below grade level work toward catching up. Our summer school was held Monday–Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, for four weeks. Teachers and/or parents referred students and specified their academic needs. Students received targeted instruction in reading, writing, and/or math. Children also had an opportunity to attend enrichment classes where they utilized the basic academic skills they were learning.

One of the goals in our Mission Statement is: *Equip students with basic skills of math, literacy, and reasoning.* The School LAND Trust money is helping us work toward accomplishing this goal. This money helped students be successful on their end of year Utah Core Tests. Students in third – sixth grade are assessed on the Language Arts and Math Utah Core Tests. Students in fourth – sixth grade are assessed on the Science Utah Core Test. Fifth Grade students also take the Utah Direct Writing Assessment (DWA), a summative writing experience designed to assess student-writing skills.

Our students achieved 96% proficiency in Language Arts (a 1% drop), 95% proficiency in Math (a 2% gain) and 89% proficiency in Science (the same score as last year) on Utah Core Tests. Our students achieved 96% proficiency on the Direct Writing Assessment (DWA).

We appreciate the Utah State Legislature for providing the School LAND Trust discretionary funds to Utah schools to be spent under the direction of each school's Community Council.