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School LAND Trust Report for 2012 – 2013

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 2012-2013 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. Some of our carry over money was used to purchase 11 iMac computers for our computer lab.

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 94% proficiency in Language Arts (a 2% drop from last year), 95% proficiency in Math (the same score as last year) and 89% proficiency in Science (the same score as last year) on the Utah State Core Tests. Our students achieved 100% proficiency (a 4% gain over last year) on the Direct Writing Assessment (DWA). Wasatch Elementary had the highest proficiency scores in Provo District. Thank you to our teachers, students, and parents for working as a team to make this happen.

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.