

## School LAND Trust Program FY 2008

The School LAND Trust Program, established by the legislature in 1999, distributes the “annual dividend” from the permanent State School Fund through school districts to all public schools in the state. Elected parents, elected teachers, and the principal serve on the School Community Councils with the majority being parents. School Community Councils in each school prepare a plan to address their greatest academic need with the dividend. Local School Boards approve the plans, and funding is sent to each school with an approved plan before the school year begins. The program is paperless and visible on the web at [www.schoollandtrust.org](http://www.schoollandtrust.org). Funding for the program has increased to \$25.3 million in the 2007-08 school year.



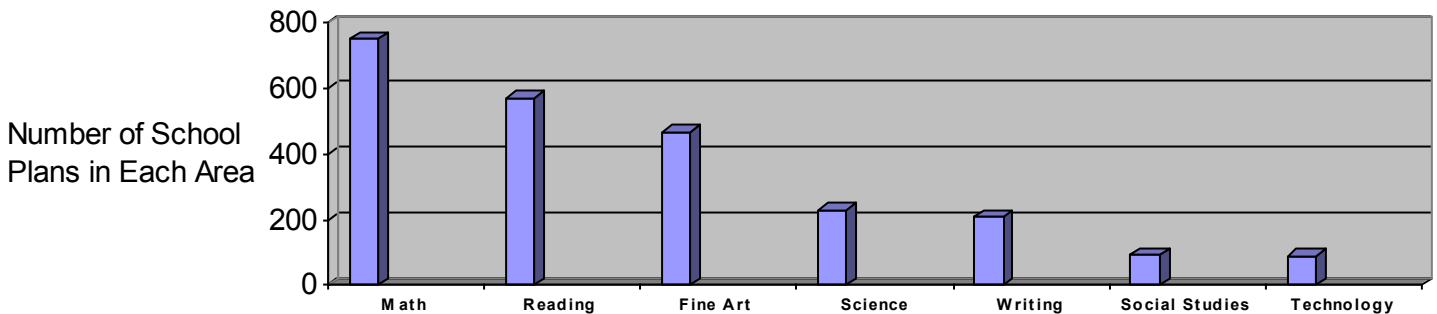
### Average Amounts Received in 2007- 2008

Elementary Schools	\$26,171
Middle Schools	\$33,108
High Schools	\$42,657

*“Congress also imposed upon the state a binding and perpetual obligation to use the granted lands for the support of public education. All revenues from the sale or lease of the school grants was impressed with a trust in favor of the public schools.”*

U.S. Supreme Court, in a 1980 Utah school trust lands case (Andrus v. Utah, 446 US 500)

### 2007- 2008 Program Expenditures by Academic Areas of Focus



**These materials have brought out more curiosity in our students than we have observed in years. Students are learning to love science as they experience practical mathematical applications and learn problem solving skills.**

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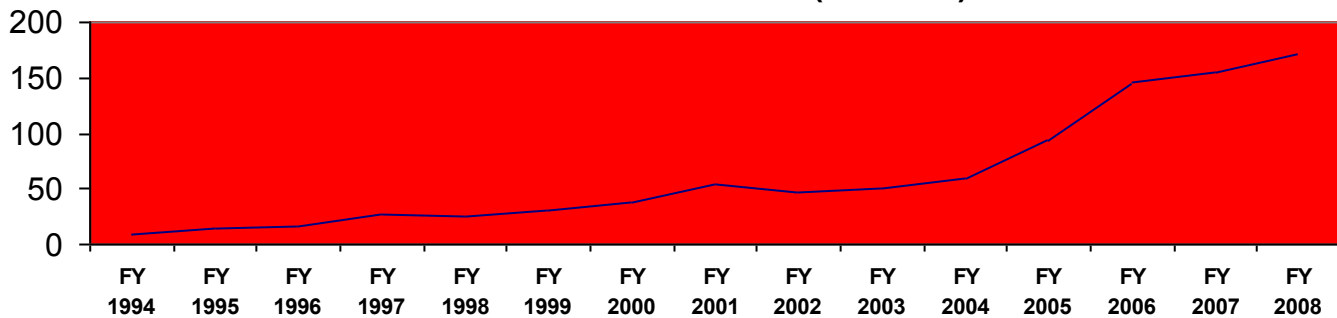
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## SCHOOL AND INSTITUTIONAL TRUST LANDS BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

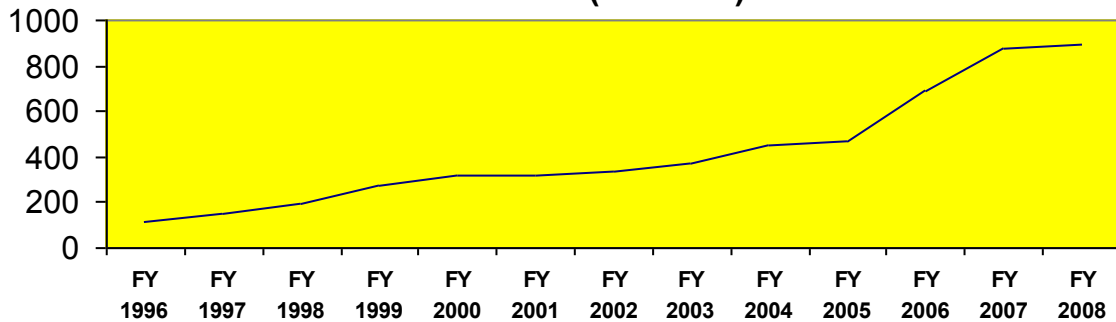
In 1994 the Utah Legislature created the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA). SITLA was structured like a business with a policymaking Board of Trustees and a strong Director to prudently manage the lands for our schools and institutions. Currently, Kevin Carter is the agency director; the board members are Chairman John Ferry, Vice-Chairman John Scales, James Lee, Dan Lofgren, Michael Brown, Gayle McKeachnie, and Steve Ostler. **Because the agency is funded solely from the revenues generated from the lands, no tax money is used.**

Public schools are the largest beneficiary, with more than 3 million acres of surface lands and 4 million acres of mineral lands. All school revenues, less expenses, are saved in the permanent State School Fund in accordance with the Utah Enabling Act. Both the Utah Enabling Act and the Utah Constitution established the trust. Trust law requires the state, as trustee, to show undivided loyalty to the beneficiaries, manage the lands prudently and profitably, provide an accounting of the lands and funds, and preserve, defend, and enhance the trusts.

### Growth in Annual School Trust Land Gross Revenues Market Value (Millions)



### Permanent State School Fund Growth Market Value (Millions)



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