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California and Illinois Departments of Education
Special Education Departments

Director Wright and Director Calomes,

In accordance with Utah State Board of Education (USBE) Rule 277-926 Certification of Residential Treatment Center Special Education Program, the USBE has received the applications of 26 residential treatment centers (RTCs). All 26 applications were complete and will now be reviewed for substantive compliance with the USBE Rule. That review will include an onsite visit to verify compliance. RTCs which are found to be compliant will be awarded a two-year certification. RTCs which are found to be noncompliant will be denied certification. The required onsite visits will be scheduled in the order in which the applications were received and will likely take the rest of the 2019-2020 school year to complete. The California and Illinois Departments of Education will be informed of the approval or denial of each RTC's special education program certification shortly after each onsite visit.

As the California and Illinois Departments of Education are awaiting notification of the approval or denial of Utah certification to finalize your RTC certification processes, the USBE will grant each of the 26 RTCs which submitted a complete application a "temporary" certification that will be valid until the onsite visit occurs and "official" certification can be approved or denied.

The 26 RTCs approved for a temporary certification are:

Alpine Academy
Benchmark School
Cinnamon Hills Youth Crisis Center
Copper Hills Youth Center
Daniels Academy
Diamond Ranch Academy
Discovery Academy
Discovery Ranch
Discovery Ranch for Girls
Elevations Academy
Falcon Ridge Ranch
Heritage Schools, Inc.
La Europa Academy



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Logan River Academy
New Haven Residential Treatment Center
New Haven Residential Treatment Center
Oxbow Academy
Pine Ridge Academy at Youth Care of Utah
Provo Canyon School
Provo Canyon School - Springville Campus
Red Rock-Lava Heights Academy
Solstice RTC/Fernwood Academy
Sorenson's Ranch School, Inc.
Telos Academy
Three Points Academy
Triumph Academy

Thank you for your collaboration and patience as the USBE has created the special education program certification process. We look forward to continued collaboration to support the needs of and improve the outcomes of students with disabilities. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Utah State Board of Education