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Dear Colleagues:

As part of the state’s Digital Teaching and Learning Initiative, Utah Education and Telehealth Network (UETN) and Instructure are pleased to announce statewide access to the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) for all public K-12 Districts and Charter Schools (LEAs) in Utah.

Beginning July 1, 2017, UETN allocated funding to cover the cost of Canvas subscriptions for the 2017-2018 school year. To support Canvas implementation, new opportunities for professional learning and access to a 365x24x7 teacher helpdesk are also available. That means participating LEAs will still complete an order form, but no fees will be assessed for existing Canvas schools and the same one-time implementation fee of $2,500 will be assessed for LEAs that are new to Canvas.

Access to Canvas for all Utah students and teachers provides equal opportunity and accelerates state and local Digital Teaching and Learning goals.

Administrators are working closely to seek additional funding for the LMS license beyond this school year. If successful, any new appropriation will be applied to reduce or eliminate renewal costs. If no funding is appropriated, then the cost-recovery model would resume where each LEA is invoiced for the number of seats they license. Instructure is reducing the per-user cost for renewals beyond this year to between $3.50 and $4.50 per user in the event that new funding is not appropriated.

To participate or learn more, visit http://www.uen.org/canvas and a member of the UETN or Instructure staff will follow up with you.

Best wishes for a successful technology-powered school year.

Dr. Ray Timothy, CEO, Utah Education and Telehealth Network