



InTech News

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Executive Director 's Message

URGENT!!!

Your Assistance is Needed to Communicate with Legislators In Support of the Governor 's Budget Proposals

The downturn in the economy is affecting businesses, governments, and families across the nation and world. Like other states, Utah is grappling with how best to deal with providing public services (including schools) on much tighter budgets.

Fortunately, Utah has had the foresight to put away some funding in a "rainy day " account and also has been managed so well as to have an excellent credit rating should it need to borrow funds.

Both the governor and legislative leadership have put together budget proposals to deal with the current and projected shortfalls in tax revenue.

Under the legislative plan, all state agencies (including public schools) could face significant cuts this year -

around 7.5% (and double that next year). Such deep cuts for this year would come in the second half of the fiscal year, when cuts are the most difficult to make and will very likely require reductions in programs and personnel at schools across the state.

Our higher education partner, USU, may face even steeper cuts under the legislative plan. With so many of our students, parents, and programs having ties to USU, there is also great concern on the higher education front.

The governor has proposed an alternative to the legislative plan. In his plan the state would use a portion of its "rainy day " funds and use Utah 's good credit rating to bond for some infrastructure projects. Through these methods, the governor 's proposal would significantly limit the cuts to both public

education and higher education over the next two years while still demonstrating fiscal responsibility.

InTech has been and is taking steps to minimize the impact of any potential cuts, but is also asking you to contact your legislators and urge them to support the governor 's proposal.

Contact information for Cache Valley legislators can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this important matter.

If you have questions or concerns about this or any matter, please contact me at jstanger@intechchs.org

Jason Stanger
Executive Director/Principal

InTech is now
Enrolling

for 2009-10

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Enrollment for 2009-10

InTech is currently enrolling for the 2009-10 school year.

If you have friends or family members who are interested in attending InTech as new students next year, please have them attend an information session in February or contact the main office for an application.

The open enrollment period ends Feb 20th. If there are more applicants than spaces available in any grade by this date, the applicants will be placed in a lottery. Siblings of current students will have preference if a lottery occurs.

InTech Collegiate Information Sessions for 2009-10 Enrollment

Each Wednesday in February @ 6PM

**InTech Campus
1787 N Research Parkway**

***InTech Service club
will be hosting a
Valentine's Dance on
Friday, February 13.***

***We are looking for
refreshment
donations and
chaperones. Please
contact Andrea
Eggett at
aeggett@intechchs.org
if you are wanting to
help.***



Connie Morgan

Parents Elected to Board & Appointed to Board Posts

In October, InTech parents elected Jim Peterson to replace Jim Barta (who left the board after moving to Salt Lake) as a parent representative on the InTech Collegiate Governing Board.

In the board's November meeting, parent member Debbie Seiter was appointed by the board to serve as Board Chair and parent member Jim Peterson was appointed to serve as Treasurer.

InTech Collegiate Board Meetings

**2nd Tues of Month
4-6 PM**

**InTech Collegiate HS
1787 N Research Parkway**

**Parents, Students, Faculty,
and Public Welcome**

Board members Debbie Hobbs (former Chair) and Gayle Bowen (former Treasurer) remain on the board, but had asked for different roles—having each served in their leadership posts for some time. Hobbs was appointed to be the Board Secretary.

InTech thanks all of our board members for their past and continued service to our school.

InTech Hires Connie Morgan as Special Educator

InTech has hired Connie Morgan as a part-time Special Education Teacher and Director to fill the vacancy left by the departure of Janene Dykstra.

Ms. Morgan comes to InTech with years of experience and is excited to get work with parents, students, and faculty.

Should you need to contact Ms. Morgan, her email is:

cmorgan@intechchs.org

InTech Starts 2nd Semester with New Schedule

On January 5th, InTech 's students and teachers began a new 8-period block schedule.

This schedule is allowing several improvements requested by parents, students, and faculty to happen simultaneously.

First, students are now able to take more total credits during their high school career at InTech—including more AP, CE and EC courses as they are available.

Second, InTech has been able to add several new electives this term, including CE courses in psychology, science, and computer technology. Other electives for the term include Literature and Film, History through Film, Current Events, Health, Creative Writing, and Robotics.

Third, InTech teachers now all have a dedicated preparation period every other day, allowing them to give more feedback and assistance to students.

Upcoming UBSCT and DWA Testing for 9th/10th Grade Students

On Feb 3rd, 4th, and 5th - **all 10th grade students will participate** in the Utah Basic Skills Competency Test. Students will take a different section (writing, math, reading) of the test each day. Additionally, InTech is planning on **all 9th grade students participating** in the Direct Writing Assessment on Feb 3rd. For those students required to take the tests, school will start at 9AM each day of the test. For those students not taking the test, the school day will start at 10:45.

Upcoming AP Exam Registration

Students planning on taking any AP Exam this spring should register by March 11. An \$86 check for each test, payable to InTech, should be turned into Melissa Montanye by March 11 as well.

Freshman SEOP's will be starting soon.

Parents, please take advantage of this planning meeting.

InTech Students to Compete in Robotics Competition

InTech has received \$5000 from FIRST Robotics and \$1000 from Utah State University to register for the Regional competition at UNLV and get our robot kit of parts. (see picture) Now that we have a robot kit, we just need to design, build, test, and ship it all before February 17th. Mr. Baker is hoping to get as much technical help the team can with the control system and fabrication of some of the specialized assemblies. If you can help, please contact him at the school or by email: jbaker@intechchs.org.

We are also needing to raise more money for the team to travel and stay in Las Vegas for the regional competition held March 25th-28th. If you can help with fund raising or want to make a donation, contact any team member or Mr. Baker. One fundraising event that the team is planning on is a fundraiser dinner and auction. If you can help with these arrangements, please come to the parent meeting at the school on Jan. 21st at 6:00pm. If your student is wanting to go,



Unassembled Robot Kit for FIRST Competition

you will need to come to the meeting on the 21st to talk about the details of travel, lodging, food, etc. With all of your help we can make InTech's first year at FIRST great!



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InTech 's New Sign on 1800 N

InTech 's website will be going through some changes in the coming month to improve functionality and accessibility to our multiple audiences.

We thank you for your patience as we make these improvements.

InTech Collegiate High School's Mission is to encourage and prepare students in grades 9-12, and especially those traditionally under-represented, to pursue and complete college degrees in math, science, and engineering in order to enhance the talent base in these fields.

Contacting Your State Legislators

To determine which House and Senate District you are located in, go to:

<http://www.le.state.ut.us/maps/amap.html>

Senator Lyle Hillyard

lhillyard@utahsenate.org

595 S. Riverwoods Parkway Ste 100
Logan, Utah 84321

The following points may be helpful as you contact your legislators:

Representative Jack Draxler

jdraxler@utah.gov

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North Logan, UT 84341

1) You support the governor 's budget proposal

2) It is unreasonable to expect schools and universities to make cuts in the latter half of a school year, when other sources of funding are available (" rainy day " fund, bonding, etc)

Representative Fred Hunsaker

fhunsaker@utah.gov

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3) The current economic downturn is the " rainy day " for which funds have been set aside.

Representative Curt Webb

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