



MEMORANDUM

TO: Utah professionals working with students who are blind or visually impaired

FROM: Melanie S. Austin and Hollie Flether, Co-Chairperson
Braille Literacy Advisory Council

DATE: March 24, 2010

RE: Braille Literacy Project Proposals for 2010-11

The Braille Literacy Advisory Council has been established to make recommendations for improving Braille literacy for children, ages birth through 21, in Utah. The responsibilities of the Council include setting annual priorities for meeting the requirements of the Utah Blind Persons' Literacy Rights and Education Act, making recommendations for the expenditure of funds attached to the Act, and advising on the development of specific programs to increase the skills of teachers and students in the use of Braille.

Attached is an application form for projects to be sponsored by the Braille Literacy Advisory Council during the 2010-2011 school year. The funding available to the Council is approximately \$10,000 annually. These funds may be used to support projects meeting the requirements of the Blind Persons' Right to Literacy Act. If you have an idea for a project that would help increase Braille literacy for you, your students, parents, and other support staff in your area, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Please address each area listed on the application form in detail. Provide specific information as to the nature of your project and any costs or personnel involved. Incomplete proposals will not be considered. Project applications will be reviewed by the Council at the spring meeting and you will be notified by letter regarding the status of your proposal by the end of June.

Proposals are due by April 19, 2010. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of us at melaniea@usdb.org or HollieF@usdb.org . We look forward to hearing from you.