

# Diamond Ridge Elementary School



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## Diamond Ridge Elementary Summary of School LAND Trust Final Report 2018-2019

At Diamond Ridge Elementary, we have a vision to help our students S.O.A.R. We teach students to SEEK SUCCESS, OVERCOME CHALLENGES, ACHIEVE GOALS, and strive to help them REALIZE THE LOVE OF LEARNING. The focus of how LAND Trust money is spent demonstrates our school's dedication to preparing students for a successful future. We support Granite School District's mission of assisting students to be college and career ready citizens, ready for life in a 21<sup>st</sup> century world.

The overwhelming majority of our 2018-2019 LAND Trust funds were used to employ caring, skilled paraprofessionals who work with students in our core subjects of reading, writing, and math. Classroom aides were utilized to support reading, writing, and math development using small group instruction and individual progress monitoring, which resulted in growth in students' achievement. School achievement data shows growth in all grades in beginning of the year scores to our end of year benchmark scores on Granite District benchmarks and DIBELS assessments. At the beginning of the school year, 71% of Diamond Ridge students were reading on grade level. At the end of the year, that percentage increased to 86%. This year our staff focused efforts on ensuring students achieved at least a year's typical growth. The state's requirement is that 60% of students achieve growth. We are pleased to report that 88% of Diamond Ridge students achieved typical or above typical growth in the 2018-2019 school year.

Professional Learning Communities (PLC's), where teachers collaboratively reflect on best practice, analyze student assessment data, and share effective teaching strategies are essential to our school's success. We spent a portion of our LAND Trust funds to hire substitutes to allow teachers to meet in weekly PLCs, as well as attend training to increase their instructional capacities. In addition, we provided substitutes so our French immersion teachers could meet with every family during SEP conferences. Small portions of our funds were used to purchase additional library books, digital resources to utilize on the school's Chromebooks, and the refreshment of Chromebooks that needed upgrading.

We appreciate and value the benefits of Utah's LAND Trust monies. Hiring personnel to assist struggling students, providing time for teachers to develop professional skills, and increasing our print and digital resources have greatly benefited the students of Diamond Ridge Elementary.

### Expenditures for the 2018-2019 School Year:

Salaries and Employee Benefits (Classroom Aides/Substitute Teachers)	\$70,866.05
Library Books & Digital Resources	\$10,330.02
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$81,196.07</b>