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### **New AYP Reports Show Progress Made in Salt Lake City Schools**

(Salt Lake City) – A detailed look at the 2006-07 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports reveals many Salt Lake City Schools are making progress in their goal of increasing student achievement. As required by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, accountability standards have been raised this past year, resulting in more schools not making AYP statewide. However, in Salt Lake City School District, the number of schools making AYP has remained steady.

“When AYP standards go up, you would expect more schools to fall short,” said Superintendent McKell Withers. “That’s not the case this year in Salt Lake City, and we think that is a very significant.”

During the 2006-07 school year, 12 Salt Lake City schools did not meet AYP standards, the same as in 2005-06. Of those 12 schools, two Title I schools are identified as Needing Improvement, which means they have not met AYP standards in the same content area for two consecutive years. The two schools are Riley Elementary and Edison Elementary. Three schools were granted reversals of their AYP status after a more detailed review of test data and student information.

The enormous responsibility of reporting AYP results on a statewide basis can have the affect of hiding significant successes at individual schools. Some examples of those successes in Salt Lake City School District are:

- Every Salt Lake City middle school made AYP;
- West High, one of the largest and the most diverse high schools in Utah, made AYP in both Language Arts and Math; and
- All middle and high schools in Salt Lake City School District made AYP in Language Arts and Math for students with disabilities. That’s a tremendous improvement over last year when seven schools did not make AYP for the same student group in Language Arts and five schools did not make it in Math.

Copies of AYP reports for each school in Salt Lake City School District are available on the Utah State Office of Education web site: [www.schools.utah.gov](http://www.schools.utah.gov). The district received U-PASS data only a few days ago and will be reviewing the information carefully over the next few weeks to identify successes and areas for improvement.

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