

'Don't do this': Alpine special ed students forced to change schools

Parents upset that about 150 special needs kids will lose connection to familiar settings under district plan.

By CARMEN NESBITT | The Salt Lake Tribune

Josh Smith's voice trembled as he held his phone and read aloud a prewritten speech to Alpine school board leaders late on April 23. He identified himself as the father of his son Michael, who attends Orem Elementary and has moderate autism. "Please, please don't do this," Smith said. "I kind of feel like you're

throwing my son away. You're taking away his chance." Applause erupted. His plea seemed to resonate with dozens of other audience members who, like Smith, have children enrolled in the Alpine School District's special education program.

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Molly Barrington is joined by her son Jonny, 9, who she said has special needs, at an Alpine School District board meeting.

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PULITZER PRIZE WINNER

Trump still holds sway over Utah GOP delegates

Some candidates tout their "convention-only" candidacy, as opposed to those — including Gov. Spencer Cox — who reached the primary ballot by gathering signatures.

By JEFF PARROTT

The Salt Lake Tribune

It was dreary Saturday morning at 7 a.m. as thousands of Republican delegates filed into the Salt Palace, the spring sunrise delayed in Salt Lake City by rain clouds. It would be 17 hours before delegates finished nominating candidates for June's primary elections and flooded back into a city that had already seen the sunset.

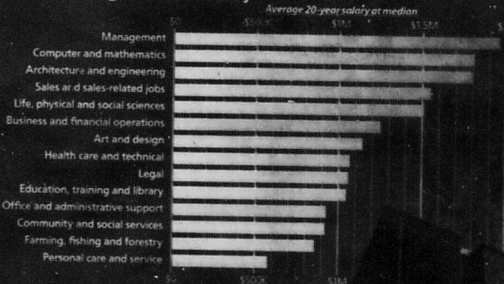
The Utah Republican Party's 2024 State Nominating Convention concluded just before midnight on Saturday, with nearly 4,000 delegates sending a clear message to party leaders: They're not ready for the Donald Trump era of GOP politics to be over — and not even incumbent candidates would be safe this year.

Trump-supported candidates for governor and U.S. Senate, the two most high-profile races in this year's elections, seized delegates' support on Saturday. The champions of those hard-line Republicans

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Pay-worthy college degrees

Career earnings at median salary



Note: This only includes jobs in which most people have a Bachelor's degree. Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services. GRAPHIC BY CHRISTOPHER CHERINGTON AND TODD ADAMS. The Salt Lake Tribune

Graduates in Utah generally make more than their peers without degrees, but that varies based on their major of choice.

By MEGAN BANTA

The Salt Lake Tribune

Amber McMullin has a degree in mechanical engineering and works in a Utah medical equipment company. Grey McLean, with a master's degree in library science, is an associate librarian at a branch of the Salt Lake City Library.

According to data from the Utah Department of Workforce Services, analyzed by The Salt Lake Tribune, they — like most Utahns — generally make more than their peers who don't have college degrees. But how much they get paid varies, based on their major of choice.

In one career field, those with college degrees even make less than their counterparts who didn't finish college.

The average median salary for engineers, like McMullin, is just over \$90,000 a year, according

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Students arrive for class in the Warnock Engineering Building at the University of Utah.

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