Leadership at Utah State University (USU) and USU charter school authorizing staff thank you for engaging the first four stages of our authorizing process (see figure 1 below). The purpose of stage five is to determine if the USU Board of Trustees will authorize your proposed charter. As you await their decision, if questions/needs arise please contact David Forbush, Associate Director, at USU-CSF (435) 797-9050 | david.forbush@usu.edu. Again, we want this experience to be informative, positive and productive. Please note that information and supports for stage 6 are addressed in a different USU charter school authorizing document.
Figure 1. USU-Charter School Authorizing - Stages of Charter School Approval

Authorization Determination Process

The USU charter school authorizing process includes six stages. The first four stages required your action. The fifth stage requires action by the USU Board of Trustees. Your proposal’s performance, starting at stage 1 resulted in its advancement to subsequent stages (i.e., stages 2 and 3) and then concluded in the stage four application strengths and needs meeting. Note that at the close of every stage, your application could have been discontinued on merit. We congratulate you on your proposal’s success in the process to this point.

Stages 1-4 produced an extensive amount of data and information that will be quantified and analyzed by USU charter school authorizing staff. The data and information you provided will be used to inform our decision to either recommend, or not recommend your proposal to the USU Board of Trustees for authorization. Ultimately, the decision to authorize your charter school is made by the USU Board of Trustees. You will receive notice of their decision and the rationale supporting their decision by April 1.