In Ryan Brown’s six years as principal, J.R. Smith Elementary School has been recognized four times as a Title 1 Reward School, thanks to Brown’s commitment to adult and student learning through a professional learning community model. In response to demonstrated need for school-wide improvement in math, Brown and his staff are currently engaged in Comprehensive Mathematical Instruction (CMI), a multi-year, job-embedded professional development series with Brigham Young University. For the past three years, teachers have met regularly to learn math content and pedagogy and to practice CMI-based lessons with their peers before classroom use. Brown also worked closely with the PTA, community council, and other stakeholder groups to implement a Spanish-English dual immersion program. Embracing the value of speaking two languages, he spent a year studying Spanish and passing the Spanish Oral Language Proficiency Exam, demonstrating his strength as a team player and leader. Brown contributes to the larger arena of educational policy making serving as Vice Chair on the Executive Board of Directors for Mountainland Head Start, chairing the South Summit Elementary Community Council, and serving as Vice Chair of the South Summit Middle School Community Council. He holds a B.S. from Brigham Young University, a Master’s with an Elementary Math Endorsement and a Supervisory/Administrative License from Southern Utah University, and has served as Adjunct Professor at Utah Valley University.