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63rd Idaho Legislature, 2nd Regular Session Summary of Education Funding & Policy Action

The 2016 Legislature passed several important education initiatives that were signed into law by Governor Otter. The State Board appreciates the leadership of the Legislature and Governor Otter to improve educational opportunities for Idaho students.

Fiscal Year 2017 General Fund Appropriations

(% change compared to FY 2016)

- K-12 \$1.58 billion (+7.4%)
- Four-Year Institutions \$279.5 million (+8.0%)
- Community Colleges \$36.9 million (+8.7%)
- Career Technical Education \$62.1 million (+10.4%)
- \$9.1 million Literacy Initiative
- Additional \$5.0 million for Idaho's Opportunity Scholarship

K-12

Funding: The legislature increased funding overall by 7.4% with support for teacher professional development, mastery-based education, college and career advising and technology.

Literacy Intervention: The legislature bolstered support for reading with a focus on literacy intervention for kindergarten through third grade students reading below grade level; appropriating an additional \$9.1 million for early literacy intervention.

Charter School Replication: The legislature approved legislation providing a streamlined process for replicating high quality charter schools.

Career Ladder: The legislature fully funded year 2 of the career ladder for teacher salary apportionment and moved pupil service staff onto the ladder.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Funding: The overall increase in funding for higher education was 8%, including support for the Board's Complete College Idaho Initiatives.

Community College Start-Up: An account was established within the Higher Education Stabilization Fund to hold \$5 million as start-up funds for a community establishing a new public community college.

Residency Status for Tuition Purposes: The criteria for determining residency for tuition purposes was streamlined to encourage enrollment in Idaho's public higher education four-year institutions.

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

Funding: Overall funding was increased by 10.4% with support for expansion in health care, transportation, information technology and mechantronics to create more than 400 new seats in

degree and certificate bearing programs at the six public technical colleges.

Secondary Instructors: Secondary school Career Technical Education programs are experiencing a shortage of qualified instructors. To address this, the legislature included recruitment and retention funding of high-need CTE instructors as eligible criteria for a leadership premium, as well as additional salary apportionment for CTE instructors.

STEM

Computer Science Initiative: The legislature passed a computer science initiative to develop computer science K-12 content standards in Idaho public schools and provide resources supporting the establishment of school-based computer science programs.

Tuition & Fees Update

The Idaho State Board of Education approved resident student tuition and fees at Idaho's four-year higher education institutions and Eastern Idaho Technical College during their April Board meeting in Moscow.

For the 2016-2017 academic year, tuition and fee increases for resident students range from 2% to 3% - the lowest in more than 15 years.

Currently, tuition and fees cover 47% of the operating costs at Idaho's higher education institutions,

but they still remain among the most affordable of the western states.

Increase by Institution

Boise State University	3.0%
Eastern Idaho Technical College	3.0%
Idaho State University	2.5%
Lewis-Clark State College	2.0%
University of Idaho	3.0%

The Board balanced the impact to students with the financial needs of the state's public higher education institutions to cap the resident tuition and fee increases to historically low levels.

For the most part, the tuition and fee increases will cover the salary and benefit costs for college and university employees not funded by State General Fund appropriations.

More information can be found at the Board's [website](#).

“Higher education leads to better jobs, a stronger economy and a more viable citizenry. Everyone benefits from education.”

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Dr. Linda Clark's appointment to the Idaho State Board of Education was confirmed by the Idaho State Senate during the 2016 Legislative Session. Dr. Clark has a distinguished 43 year career in education. Her term with the Idaho State Board of Education will run through June 30, 2020.



Emma Atchley's reappointment to the Idaho State Board of Education was confirmed by the Idaho State Senate during the 2016 Legislative Session. Mrs. Atchley will continue serving the citizens and students of Idaho until June 30, 2020.

More information on Dr. Clark and Emma Atchley can be found on the Board's [website](#).

K-12 Initiatives

In advance of the July 1st effective date, the State Board has posted several helpful documents to assist school districts in implementing new literacy interventions, submitting Innovation School agreements, updating Continuous Improvement Plans, and learning more about several College and Career Advising models.

The Board's [website](#) includes:

- An [overview](#) of the literacy intervention provisions stemming from the passage of H451 and H526, along with a copy of the new [Statewide Comprehensive Literacy Plan](#).
- An explanation of the [Innovation School](#) legislation along with guidelines for the Innovation School agreement and how to notify the State Board.
- Two templates that can be used for drafting [Continuous Improvement Plans](#). While these templates are not required, they will streamline development and submittal of plans.

The Board's [Next Steps Idaho](#) web site includes an explanation of several possible college and career advising models. Click on the "For Educators" tab to find information on college and career advising programs.

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College Scholarships Get a Boost

The Opportunity Scholarship is the state's primary higher education scholarship. Based on a combination of financial need and academic merit, with more consideration given to financial need, the Opportunity Scholarship awards eligible applicants up to \$3,000 per year. Recipients can renew the scholarship for three additional years, upon meeting eligibility requirements.

In FY 2016 approximately one-third of eligible applicants received a scholarship.

During the 2016 Legislative Session, Governor Otter's recommendation to double the available funds for the Opportunity Scholarship was approved, raising the total of available funds to \$10.0 million.

This increase in funding is expected to reach more than 1,000 additional Idaho students than in previous years.

Please visit the Board's website for more details on the [Opportunity Scholarship](#) and additional [scholarships](#) available to Idaho residents.

The Idaho Legislature also approved the [Postsecondary Credit Scholarship](#), which will provide college scholarships to students who earn college credit while in high school and have a matching scholarship from business or industry.

A student who earns 10 to 19 college credits will qualify for a \$1,000 state scholarship per year for up to two years.

Students who earn 20 or more college credits will qualify for a \$2,000 scholarship per year for up to two years.

A student who earns an Associate Degree while still in high school will qualify for a \$4,000 scholarship per year for up to two years.

\$1 million is available to be awarded in FY 2017, and \$2 million will be available in FY 2018.

The Spring 2016 high school graduating class is the first class to be eligible for the scholarship.

Additional information will soon be available on the Board's [website](#).