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BOARD MAKES PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

(Boise). At a special meeting on February 14, 2013, the Idaho State Board of Education voted unanimously to recommend to Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter and the Legislature that the \$33,915,200 designated in the Governor’s budget be distributed to school districts to fund local differentiated compensation plans and to support professional development.

This would apply only to the 2014 fiscal year. The Board further recommended that certain parameters apply to the funding:

1. Key principles – differentiated compensation plans
 - a. Decentralized model for decision making
 - b. Models based on location/need and performance
2. Districts could choose to use up to 40% of the total received for targeted professional development.
3. In addition, the Board supports ongoing commitments for funding of technology, additional science and math teachers, and dual credit opportunities.

“The Board took action yesterday in order to help ensure that this additional funding is kept in the public schools budget,” said President Ken Edmunds. The Task Force for Improving Education is expected to make recommendations prior to the 2014 legislative session.

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