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BOARD APPROVES CRITERIA TO QUALIFY TO PROVIDE DISTRICT AND SCHOOL BOARD TRAINING

(Idaho Falls). The State Board of Education today approved a temporary administrative rule to provide school districts and charter schools with information on how to identify trainers to conduct professional development that would qualify the district to seek reimbursement for the training as stipulated by legislation passed this year.

The new law, Section 33-320, Idaho code, directs each school district and public charter school to develop a strategic plan that focuses on improving student performance. For the 2014-2015 school year, strategic plans are required to be adopted by September 1, 2014.

The legislature also appropriated funding to the districts for professional development on strategic planning, governance, finance, ethics and administrator evaluations. The funds are distributed to the districts and charter schools on a reimbursement basis after completion of the training if they hire a qualified trainer.

The proposed rule, which can be viewed [here](#), sets out the qualifications for trainers and the procedures for school districts and charter schools to request reimbursement for qualified training. A list of qualified trainers will be posted on the Board's website by early July.

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