

WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 14, 2018

SUBJECT

Education to Workforce Alignment

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 1: A Well Educated Citizenry, Objectives A, Access and C, Higher Level of Educational Attainment.

Goal 2: Innovation and Economic Development, Objectives A, Workforce Readiness and D, Education to Workforce Alignment.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Board's strategic plan envisions a seamless public education system that results in a highly educated citizenry. Goal 2 of the Board's strategic plan focuses on an education system that provides an environment that facilitates the creation of practical and theoretical knowledge leading to new ideas, delivers relevant education that meets the needs of Idaho and the region and prepares students to efficiency and effectively enter and succeed in the workforce.

The Idaho Technology Council (ITC) is a member-driven organization made up of partners from companies that range from new startups to large corporations, all committed to the success of Idaho's technology ecosystem. The ITC, brings together industry, education, research, investment, and government throughout the state with a focus on workforce development and the increasing the talent pipeline with the end goal of growing more high-paying, quality jobs for the people of Idaho. The ITC has been a long standing partner that has supported Board initiatives from higher education research to increased access to computer science education in the K-12 educations portion of the pipeline. Jay Larsen, Executive Director, will discuss technology trends in Idaho, the importance of Idaho's education system producing an entrepreneurial and prepared workforce for Idaho's growing economy.

The Treasure Valley Education Partnership (TVEP) engages and coordinates community partners and resources across the Treasure Valley in order to align efforts around common goals. TVEP mission is to advance a world class education system in the Treasure Valley. By uniting and focusing the strength of multiple partners, TVEP aspires to achieve systems change and improve student outcomes in a measurable and lasting way, from the cradle to career. The Treasure Valley Education Partnership conducts a senior exit survey, Jessica Ruehrwein, Executive Director will present the results of their survey as a discussion point for areas of collaboration and improvement of Idaho's education pipeline.

IMPACT

The purpose of the presentations is to generate a discussion around the alignment with Idaho's education system and Idaho's workforce needs.

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STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In addition to the presentation and discussion with ITC and TVEP the Board has been provided with the preliminary result of the Secondary Counselor Survey conducted by the Board Office. The survey looks at perceptions of secondary school counselors and their work in supporting students to plan and prepare for college and careers after high school.

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BOARD ACTION

This item is for informational purposes only. Any action will be at the Board's discretion.