

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
JUNE 14, 2023

TAB	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1	SDE - ANNUAL UPDATE RE. ALBION ELEMENTARY HARDSHIP STATUS	Information Item

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
JUNE 14, 2023**

SUBJECT

Hardship Status, Albion Elementary School

REFERENCE

June 2015	The Board received an update regarding Albion Elementary School and its continued need for hardship status.
June 2017	The Board received an update regarding Albion Elementary School and its continued need for hardship status.
June 2018	The Board received an update regarding Albion Elementary School and its continued need for hardship status.
June 2019	The Board received an update regarding Albion Elementary School and its continued need for hardship status.
August 2020	The Board received an update regarding Albion Elementary School and its continued need for hardship status.
June 2021	The Board received an update regarding Albion Elementary School and its continued need for hardship status.
June 2022	The Board received an update regarding Albion Elementary School and its continued need for hardship status.

APPLICABLE STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

Section 33-1003(2)(b), Idaho Code

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At the October 1999 Board meeting, the State Board of Education (Board) approved the request by Cassia County School District #151 for Albion Elementary School to be designated as a hardship elementary school for one year and required an annual report thereafter. In 2000, the Legislature amended Section 33-1003(2)(b), Idaho Code, by adding, "An elementary school operating as a previously approved hardship elementary school shall continue to be considered as a separate attendance unit, unless the hardship status of the elementary school is rescinded by the state board of education." Therefore, no action is required unless the Board chooses to rescind the hardship status. Conditions supporting the October 1999 decision to approve the Albion Elementary School as a hardship elementary school have not changed.

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IMPACT

Cassia County School District #151 would have received approximately \$121,300 less in FY 2023 if Albion Elementary School had not been considered a separate school.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Letter from Superintendent Sandra Miller to Superintendent Critchfield dated April 27, 2023.

STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This section will be completed by Board staff.

BOARD ACTION

This item is for informational purposes only.

Cassia County Joint School District No. 151

Board Members

Jeff Rasmussen, Chairman
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April 27, 2023

Mrs. Debbie Critchfield
State Superintendent of Public Schools
PO Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0027

Dear Mrs. Critchfield,

Albion Elementary School was granted hardship status by the State Board of Education in October of 1999. This status is granted on an annual basis and must be submitted to the State Board of Education each year by the person elected to serve as the state superintendent of schools.

This letter serves as a request for hardship status for Albion Elementary School (school number 111) for the 2023-2024 school year. The conditions for such status have not changed and remain as the basis for this request. We appreciate your willingness to acknowledge the challenges of small, rural educational facilities throughout the state.

Thank you, and the State Board of Education, for your continued support of the children of Cassia County and Idaho.

Respectfully,

Sandra Miller
Superintendent

CC: Dean Reich