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## **STATE BOARD SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON A NEW STATEWIDE SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM**

*Two public forums are scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in Eastern Idaho.*

(Boise). The Idaho State Board of Education will hold public forums in Idaho Falls and Pocatello to introduce the proposed new statewide accountability framework for measuring educational progress among public school districts, individual public schools and public charter schools throughout Idaho. The forums are scheduled for:

### **September 21, 2016**

6 PM - 8 PM

Eastern Idaho Technical College  
Health Care Education Building, Room 6164  
1600 South 25th East  
Idaho Falls, ID 83404

### **September 22, 2016**

6 PM - 8 PM

Idaho State University  
Pond Student Union Building, Salmon River Suites  
1065 South 5th Avenue  
Pocatello, ID 83201

Two additional public forums will be held in Coeur d'Alene and Lewiston in October.

During its August Board meeting, the State Board gave initial approval to the framework for a statewide accountability system. The highlights of the framework include measuring educational progress among three categories of schools – schools serving kindergarten through grade 8, high schools and alternative high schools – as well as identifying measurement indexes examining student academic achievement and overall school quality. The State Board is now seeking public input through the public forums to assist in specifying the criteria for the measurement indexes and developing a publicly accessible data dashboard detailing school performance as measured by the statewide accountability system.

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The Board will determine final approval of the accountability system in November. The proposed system will also be reviewed by the state legislature during the 2017 session.

The new accountability system is being developed in response to a recommendation of the Governor's Task Force for Improving Education for a single accountability system that is transparent and meets both the state and federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requirements. Under ESSA, states must have an accountability system in place for the 2017-18 school year. By developing an accountability system now, the Board can test it during the 2016-17 school year, allowing school districts to provide additional feedback before required full implementation during the following school year.

The State Board of Education is charged with the general supervision and governance of the public educational institutions and the public school system of the State of Idaho. To learn more about the Idaho State Board of Education, please visit [www.boardofed.idaho.gov](http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov).

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