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BOARD BACKS SINGLE STATEWIDE READING ASSESSMENT

The Idaho State Board of Education today approved the following motion:

The Board strongly supports a single statewide kindergarten-third grade reading assessment administered and funded by the state; and the Board will oppose any legislation which would remove the requirement for a single statewide K-3 reading assessment or eliminate state funding for the assessment. The Board reaffirms its support for transitioning from a pilot to a field test of the new reading assessment in year two (2018-19).

The Board passed the motion during a special meeting held late Thursday afternoon to discuss House Bill 693 - revising provisions regarding reading instruction and intervention.

The Board believes a single statewide assessment is essential for measuring literacy skills for students in grades K-3 in order to consistently evaluate progress between schools and districts. The Board encourages districts to use these assessment data to supplement evaluations of student abilities and the effectiveness of district intervention programs.

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