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IDAHO EDUCATORS CAN NOW APPLY FOR THE MASTER EDUCATOR PREMIUM

The Idaho State Board of Education is accepting applications from Idaho educators interested in receiving the Master Educator Premium.

Created by lawmakers in 2015, the Master Educator Premium is intended to increase pay for highly effective veteran teachers who can demonstrate that they have achieved certain master educator standards.

The 2019 Legislature appropriated more than \$7 million for the Premium. Successful applicants will receive additional pay of \$4,000 per year for up to three years.

Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

- At least eight years of teaching or pupil services experience and the three most recent years of experience must be continuous and in an Idaho school.
- Applicant portfolios must demonstrate they have employed “Mastery of Instructional” techniques in their classrooms for at least three of the previous five years and that a majority of their students meet measurable student achievement criteria set at the school district level.
- Applicants are also required to successfully complete an individual professional learning plan.

“Legislators who created the Master Educator Premium expressed to us that the standards for the Premium need to meet a high bar,” State Board of Education Chief Policy and Planning Officer Tracie Bent said. “We brought together educators and administrators to set both the standards and the criteria for evaluating applicant portfolios.”

About 350 educators have applied to act as evaluators. Each portfolio will be reviewed and graded by three different evaluators. That process will begin in July and awards are expected to be announced in early August.

Portfolios can be submitted using a newly created webpage on the State Board of Education website: <https://boardofed.idaho.gov/k-12-education/educator-effectiveness/master-teacher-premium-plan/>

The webpage also contains a “Frequently Asked Questions” section, which may be updated as insight is gained from educators using the page.

Questions and suggestions for the webpage can also be directed to Tracie Bent, the Board’s Chief Policy and Planning Officer by calling (208)-334-2270.

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