



Our Kids, Idaho's Future

**Subcommittee— Opportunities in Rural and
Underserved Schools**

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Mission Statement:

Our Kids, Idaho' Future will work collaboratively on next five-year plan for education improvement and investment, focused on student achievement and accountability, aligning policy and budget priorities with these goals and delivering greater fiscal stability.



Main Task Force Committee

Scope:

- Focus on two main **student achievement goals** for both primary and secondary education in Idaho— Where do we want these to be in five years?
 - Early literacy and English Language Arts.
 - College and Career Readiness.
- Develop **strategies** for accomplishing these goals, relying on recommendations from subcommittees.
- Focus on existing **accountability framework** that will help move student achievement on these goals.
 - Review of existing K-12 accountability system.
 - Review of how other states are implementing accountability.
 - Discuss what options might work for Idaho, particularly those tied to Idaho's K-12 budget.
- **Review first task force (2013) recommendations** and determine ways to improve those recommendations around the two student achievement goals and increased accountability.



Main Task Force Committee

Deliverables to Public, Governor, State Board, and the Legislature:

- Recommendations on strategies for accomplishing the two key student achievement goals and increasing accountability in next five years.
- Review subcommittee recommendations and prioritize those most important for consideration.
- No more than 5 to 6 total recommendations.





Subcommittee: Opportunities in Rural and Underserved Schools

Scope:

- What are biggest challenges in delivering K-12 education in rural and underserved communities?
- What are impediments to student achievement and opportunity?
- What features of the existing K-12 budget reflect these challenges?
- Review ad hoc legislative rural schools working group (2018) materials.
- What districts and school leaders provide good models of rural and underserved schools across Idaho?



Subcommittee: Opportunities in Rural and Underserved Schools

Deliverables to Main Task Force Committee:

- Recommendations that would ensure these school districts provide the same opportunities as larger and more urban districts.
- Recommendations of best practices in rural and underserved school districts that can be shared across Idaho.