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OPEN TEXTBOOK WORKSHOP TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK IN LEWISTON

Higher education faculty and administrators are gathering next week at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston to hear from experts on how best to utilize Open Textbook Resource programs on public campuses throughout Idaho.

The workshop will be held Thursday, September 26, 2019 at the Williams Conference Center on the LCSC campus starting at 9:00 a.m. (PDT).

Open Textbook Resources are textbooks available online that have been funded, published and licensed for use by college students free of charge. The rising cost of college textbooks is a major concern of the Idaho State Board of Education, which is sponsoring the workshop.

“The Board believes minimizing the cost of textbooks is a key to increasing college affordability for students,” State Board Chief Academic Officer Randall Brumfield said. “Many students begin the semester without the books they need because they can’t afford them, which often makes it difficult for them to succeed academically.”

At its October meeting, the Board will consider adopting a policy emphasizing textbook affordability across Idaho's the higher education system.

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