



## Our Kids, Idaho's Future Final Recommendations

**PRESENT:** Debbie Critchfield, Bill Gilbert, Senator Winder, Senator Mortimer, Senator Ward-Engelking, Representative Monks, Representative Erpelding, Representative Clow, Representative Horman (phone), Representative Marshal, Superintendent Ybarra, Cheryl Charlton, Erin McCandless, Jennifer Parkins, Jody Hendrickx, Kari Overall, Katherine Hart, Kurt Liebich, Luke Schroeder, Marc Beitia, Mary Ann Ranells, Matt Van Vleet, Pete Koehler, Ryan Cantrell, Shawn Keough, Terry Ryan – (26)

**ABSENT:** Juan Alvarez

### **RECOMMENDATION 1: Statewide Accountability: Focusing Our Efforts on K-3 Literacy**

We recommend focusing our statewide accountability efforts on the following components:

- K-3 literacy as foundation;
- Providing boards, communities, and school leadership additional state guidance; and
- A framework for schools to achieve specific literacy growth targets based on like cohorts of students.

**VOTE:** **Aye** – 23 (including Juan Alvarez vote through email)

**Nay** – 0

**Abstain** - Senator Mortimer, Representative Monks, Representative Clow, Representative Horman

### **RECOMMENDATION 2: Greater All-Day K Opportunities to Support K-3 Literacy and Future Student Achievement**

We recommend additional statewide funding for all-day Kindergarten, creating greater uniformity statewide and recognizing enrolling students in Kindergarten is optional for the parent.

**VOTE:** **Aye** – 21 (including Juan Alvarez vote through email)

**Nay** – Representative Monks, Representative Horman, Representative Marshal

**Abstain** – Senator Winder, Senator Mortimer, Representative Clow

**RECOMMENDATION 3: Building Out and Updating the Career Ladder to Elevate the Profession, and Retain Effective Educators**

We recommend expanding and building out the career ladder, with base appropriations starting at \$40,000, \$50,000, and \$60,000 at full implementation with consideration of additional performance criteria for this build out.

**VOTE:** **Aye** – 22 (including Juan Alvarez vote through email)  
**Nay** – Representative Monks, Representative Horman  
**Abstain** – Senator Mortimer, Representative Clow, Terry Ryan

**RECOMMENDATION 4: Addressing Social and Emotional Issues to Support Student Learning**

We recommend the state provide standard professional development and access to additional resources around identifying and better serving students facing social and emotional challenges, including trauma and mental illness.

**VOTE:** **Aye** – 23 (including Juan Alvarez vote through email)  
**Nay** – 0  
**Abstain** – Senator Mortimer, Representative Monks, Representative Clow, Representative Horman

**RECOMMENDATION 5: Strategic Alignment and Increased Flexibility in K-12 Funding Formula**

We recommend retaining line-item funding for college and career advisors, Advanced Opportunities, and literacy intervention line-items in the K-12 budget, with the aim of making important updates to improve their effectiveness and accountability; and

We recommend collapsing some line-items in the public schools budget and providing more financial flexibility for local school districts and charter schools.

**VOTE:** **Aye** – 22 (including Juan Alvarez vote through email)  
**Nay** – Representative Monks, Representative Horman  
**Abstain** – Senator Mortimer, Representative Clow, Representative Marshal