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**BOARD TO CONSIDER CRITERIA FOR SCHOOLS TO
RESUME OPERATIONS**

The Idaho State Board of Education will hold a virtual Board meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2020 starting at 9 a.m. (MDT).

The meeting will be carried via livestream on the State Board's Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/idsboe/>

Agenda items include consideration of criteria for public school districts and charter schools to use in deciding whether to resume normal school operations. On March 23rd the Board directed districts and charters to initiate a "soft closure" of school facilities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On April 6th, the Board extended the soft closure directive, effectively ending classroom instruction statewide for the remainder of the school year, but did include an option for re-entry under criteria the Board will consider during Thursday's meeting.

Other agenda items include:

- Consider formal Board approval of request by Idaho's four-year institutions to freeze resident tuition and fees at current rates in academic year 2020-21
- Consider requests by Idaho State University and Lewis-Clark State College to increase nonresident tuition by 2 percent.

The Board is also scheduled to elect Board officers for the coming fiscal year.

The agenda and meeting materials are posted on the State Board of Education website: <https://boardofed.idaho.gov/event/board-meeting-boise-6/>

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