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BOARD APPROVES GEER FUND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Idaho State Board of Education today approved three recommendations for potential use of \$15.7 million in federal relief funds provided through the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) fund to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The list will be forwarded to Governor Brad Little's office for consideration.

The Board recommendations include:

- **Higher Education** – for technology infrastructure and faculty professional development to improve remote instruction at Idaho's public colleges and universities.
- **Idaho Public Television (IPTV) and Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA) partnership** – for IPTV to expand access and delivery of remote curriculum and instruction to kindergarten through 6th grade students and funding for IDLA to reduce or eliminate course fees and provide more support to elementary schools.
- **Career Technical Education** - for development and support of virtual career technical education; faculty professional develop, adult education technology and online workforce training modules.

The Governor's Emergency Education fund is based on each state's population of individuals between the ages of 5 through 24, and the number of children living below the federal poverty level.

The GEER fund is separate from Idaho's \$48 million Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) fund, also provided by the federal government in response to COVID-19 for use for K-12 education.

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