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**BOARD TO CONSIDER SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN
THURSDAY**

The Idaho State Board of Education will hold a virtual meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. (MDT) to consider a school reopening plan developed by the K-12 Emergency Council's Public School Reopening Committee.

Idaho Governor Brad Little will address the Board and discuss the reopening plan at the beginning of the meeting.

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

The public can also listen by calling (877) 820-7829; Public Participation Code: 8461895.

In March, the State Board issued a soft closure directive to public schools in response to the COVID-19 pandemic moving most classroom instruction to distance learning alternatives such as online, teleconference and packets.

The Public School Reopening Committee, made up of more than two dozen school administrators, educators, public health officials and lawmakers, has been working on the fall semester reopening plan since mid-June.

The Board will also consider an implementation plan of a system approach to online higher education that consolidates necessary courses, degrees, services and resources of our current institutions into a unified digital campus.

The agenda is posted on the State Board of Education website:

<https://boardofed.idaho.gov/event/special-board-meeting-boise-17/>

Note: Both plans will be added to the website agenda link prior to the meeting once Board staff finalizes work on the drafts.

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