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BOARD TO MEET THIS WEEK

The Idaho State Board of Education will hold a virtual regular Board meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, originating at the Board's office in downtown Boise starting at 9:00 a.m. (MDT).

The meeting will be carried via livestream on the Board's YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7j4VGGyNzPa6g6a-zVTHnA>

The public can also listen to the meeting by calling 1-(877)-820-7831; Public Participant Code: 7483005.

The meeting agenda and materials are posted on the State Board of Education website: <https://boardofed.idaho.gov/event/board-meeting-boise-9/>

Agenda items include:

- Consider final approval of an amendment to Board policy no longer requiring incoming college students to take a college entrance exam in order to be admitted to one of Idaho's four-year institutions. Last year, the Board approved a temporary waiver, leaving the decision about requiring a college entrance exam up to each institution.

- Final consideration of a new Board policy intended to make college textbooks more affordable and even free in some cases. The new policy was developed by faculty and administrators from each of Idaho's eight higher education institutions.
- Consider approval of Idaho's Draft Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) State Education Agency plan. If approved, the ESSER plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education as required under the federal American Rescue Plan Act.
- Consider over a half-dozen legislative ideas for the 2022 legislative session, including funding for full-time kindergarten. If approved by the Board, the legislative ideas will be submitted to the Governor's office for consideration and approval.

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