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BOARD APPROVES ARP ESSER EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACT FOR NEW VANDAL FOOTBALL COACH

The Idaho State Board of Education today approved spending of up to \$26.1 million in federal coronavirus relief funds during its Special Board Meeting in Boise.

Here's the breakdown of how the funding from American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Act will be used:

- \$1.6 million for a statewide professional development and mentoring platform for educators.
- \$20 million to enhance the ISEE statewide data collection system for data collection and reporting required by Idaho's ARP ESSER state plan.
- \$4.4 million to launch a statewide summer learning initiative to help address unfinished learning that occurred because of the pandemic.
- \$100,000 to develop a handbook for educators who help them better assist students with dyslexia.

In other actions:

The Board approved the University of Idaho's 5-year contract with new Head Football Coach Jason Eck. Coach Eck will earn \$175,000 in base salary. With supplemental income (media) and incentives, Eck could potentially earn a total of \$378,500 during his first year at the helm of the Vandal football program.

The Board approved Lewis-Clark State College's request to surrender or potentially transfer to another Idaho institution, the broadcast license and frequency for LCSC's campus radio station.

The Board also approved new trustee boundaries for North Idaho College. The Board will consider proposed trustee zone boundaries for the College of Eastern Idaho when it meets in February.

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