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BOARD TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW

The Idaho State Board of Education will hold a virtual Special Board Meeting on **Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 2 p.m. Mountain Time** to consider a request by Idaho State University to use institution reserve funds to address seismic code problems discovered during the renovation project occurring at Holt Arena.

The renovation launched earlier this spring was initially intended to be funded entirely by a donor. However, engineers soon determined that the 52-year old facility does not meet current seismic life-safety code requirements.

ISU is asking the Board for approval to spend nearly \$9.8 million in university reserve funds to add bracing to the structure along with translucent panels on the north wall to bring in natural light and ceiling panels to cover aging insulation.

Here's a breakdown of ISU's funding request:

- \$7 million - structural bracing
- \$960,000 - translucent wall panels
- \$1.825 million – ceiling panels

Total: \$9.785 million

The meeting will be carried via livestream on the State 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, Passcode:
7483005 (listen only).

The meeting agenda and materials are posted on the State Board of Education's
website: <https://boardofed.idaho.gov/event/special-board-meeting-boise-43/>

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