

## **Keep Idaho Students Safe (KISS) Initiative Strategies to Enhance School Safety**

State Superintendent Sherri Ybarra will bring forward legislation and request funding in the 2019 legislative session to launch a locally focused school safety initiative. The (KISS) Initiative will support Idaho's districts, schools and teachers prepare for, prevent, intervene and respond to crises. Through a supplemental budget request in January 2019 and a 2019-20 budget request, KISS will enhance local efforts and help coordinate prevention and crisis-response efforts. The components, and their projected costs, are:

### **Security grants**

This program will support local districts in accelerating their building security and student safety efforts through one-time state grants to address identified safety and security needs. Options include security personnel, equipment, software, training and consultation. Grants will be awarded for immediate use in the current school year.

**Fiscal impact:** \$18.5 million for Fiscal Year 19.

### **School safety course**

The educator safety course will ensure Idaho teachers are equipped with information on dangers facing students, enhancing safety and the prevention and detection of risk behaviors. The course, to be required for teacher recertification and paid for by the state, will be developed during FY 19 and offered starting in FY 20.

**Fiscal impact:** \$410,000 for course development for FY 19 and \$1.4 million for FY 20.

### **School Safety Tip Line**

The statewide tip line is for student, parents, teachers, concerned constituents and other stakeholders to alert education officials about unsafe situations at school. This strategy leverages the collective attention of school communities in Idaho to prevent targeted violence and crises situations.

**Fiscal impact:** \$200,000 for FY 19 and \$200,000 for FY20

### **Crisis Communications Counselor**

Duties for this position would include engaging students and staff and students in safety training, implementing behavioral threat assessment efforts; establishing agreements among schools for support during crisis situations; and leading quick response to help any district or school faced with a crisis. The request covers salary, fringe and benefits.

**Fiscal impact:** \$38,900 for FY 19 and \$62,400 for FY 20

**FY 19 supplemental request total: \$19.1 million**

**FY 20 request total: \$1.7 million**