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Keep Idaho Students Safe (KISS)

Development Timeline as of 10/11/2018

The KISS initiative was thoughtfully designed to be based on stakeholder feedback, address significant gaps in student safety and school security and be shovel-ready by the winter of 2019. Its development follows a time-tested approach to formulating public policy by conducting background research, establishing and announcing a bold agenda, and gathering public input to refine specific elements of the plan.

The following list partially details the chronology of the development of Superintendent Ybarra's initiative to Keep Idaho Students Safe.

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| 1/29/2015 | Superintendent Ybarra asked the Idaho Legislature's Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee to restore the Safe and Drug Free Schools and lottery funds to their original uses of implementing substance abuse prevention measures and school safety improvements. |
| 12/2/2015 | Superintendent Ybarra spoke with the Caldwell Youth Advisory Council. Her conversations here and with other students inspired her to work with the teens to create an anti-bullying message aimed at teens. |
| 9/27/2016 | Superintendent Ybarra formally launched the Stop Bullying in Idaho initiative and a public service announcement. The KISS initiative grew out of the superintendent's focus on bullying, which dates to the early days of her administration. |
| 4/24/2017 | A press release titled "Advocacy Organizations Come Together to Create Communities and Schools Where Everyone is Valued and Safe" detailed school safety strategy discussions between representatives of the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence, American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho, Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities, Superintendent Ybarra's office and the Idaho Attorney General. |
| 8/8/2017 | The SDE released an anti-bullying radio public service announcement and a anti-bullying toolkit video. |
| 8/22/2017 | SDE staff met with high school students, lawmakers and members of an alliance of anti-violence, disability advocacy and human rights organizations to identify meaningful solutions for |

schools and communities, producing and producing a report, "Creating Meaningful Solutions to Discrimination, Hate and Violence in Idaho."

- 10/16/2017 Superintendent Ybarra met with Sen. Cherie Buckner-Webb and Rep. Melissa Wintrow to discuss teacher training around safety.
- 10/24/2017 The 2017 Idaho Youth Risk Behavior Survey was released. The news release included this quote from Superintendent Ybarra: "My vision is to grow this public service announcement into a larger, multi-year statewide effort similar to the successful campaign to reduce teen tobacco use. It was effective. Let's replicate what works and declare a 'war on bullying in Idaho'."
- 11/8/2017 In a presentation to Idaho School Boards Association Superintendent Ybarra included a need for a "war on bullying."
- 12/11/2017 Sen. Cherie Buckner-Webb and Rep. Melissa Wintrow joined the superintendent's Parent Advisory Council to talk about a safety initiative that would include pre-service professional development and additional staff, involving students.
- 12/12/2017 SDE staff provided Superintendent Ybarra with a draft bullying initiative proposal.
- 1/25/2018 Superintendent Ybarra presented her Fiscal Year 2019 budget request to Idaho Legislature's Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee and noted that SDE would further address student safety and school security in the future.
- 2/14/2018 The Parkland, Florida, school shooting and the conversations around safety in the state and the nation helped spark a broadening of the department's effort from bullying to school safety in general. The statewide dialogue across the nation intensified, as did the concerns of students, teachers, parents and community members.
- 3/1/2018 Superintendent Ybarra discussed the initial three components of a safety initiative with members of her office's cabinet.
- 3/4/2018 Idaho school districts were asked to complete a survey on SROs and safety staff.
- 3/5/2018 Superintendent Ybarra attended the Council of Chief State School Officers Legislative Conference and heard experience and advice from Kentucky about what happens in a school crisis.
- 3/12/2018 The SDE issued a press release formally announcing a broad vision and framework for the KISS initiative. From the beginning, Superintendent Ybarra and her staff emphasized the importance of "gathering stakeholder ideas for what should be added or adapted."
- 3/15/2018 SDE staff met with Governor Otter, Idaho Office of School Safety and Security program manager Brian Armes and others to discuss collaboration on KISS
- 4/2/2018 In a press release the SDE invited parents, students, educators and other stakeholders to weigh in on Superintendent Ybarra's Keep Idaho Students Safe initiative via an online survey.

- 4/6/2018 Idaho Education Association President Kari Overall encouraged IEA members to take the SDE's student safety survey in her podcast.
- 4/2018 During a post legislative tour of five regions of the state, at each stop, Superintendent Ybarra spoke about KISS, and highlighted the safety initiative in media interviews and other discussions. A quote from her speech, which was live-streamed: "It's time for a greater state investment to support local school safety. I'm asking for feedback online-- so please participate-- or send me an email." Locations included: 4/10 Fort Hall; 4/11 Twin Falls; 4/12 Boise; 4/25 Coeur d'Alene; and 4/26 Lewiston.
- 4/11/2018 Student safety was discussed with students at Twin Falls High School during a face to face session with Superintendent Ybarra.
- 4/13/2018 Superintendent Ybarra addressed the Idaho Prevention Conference, noting "I want to refine this during the next few months to shape the final ask, and I can use your help. If you are using the conference app ... you will get a notification about how you can read more about KISS and provide feedback. You also can go the State Department of Education's website and provide feedback."
- 4/19/2018 SDE staff presented information about the KISS initiative to Idaho State Board of Education.
- 4/25/2018 Student safety was discussed with students at the Lake City High School during a face to face session with Superintendent Ybarra.
- 5/2018 SDE staff discussed the KISS initiative with about 450 counselors, advisors, teachers and administrators throughout the state as part of the agency's Advanced Opportunities Technical Roadshow held in five cities. Locations included: 5/1 Twin Falls; 5/2 Idaho Falls; 5/3 Pocatello; 5/21 Lewiston; and 5/22 Coeur d'Alene.
- 5/18/2018 While joining Governor Otter at a Capitol for a Day event in Riggins, Idaho, citizens expressed adamant support for enhancing student safety and strengthening the security of our schools.
- 5/30/2018 Superintendent Ybarra met with the SDE's Parent Advisory Council and staff reviewed the details of KISS. The feedback from the group included statements to "keep all the pieces of the initiative ... add elementary counselors ... making funding on going based on a plan ..."
- 5/31/2018 The SDE convened a committee to help design the KISS initiative's School Safety Course which included representatives from local police, the Office of School Safety and Security, the Idaho AG's Office, the Public Defenders' Association, the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, the Idaho Children's Trust Fund, the Idaho Suicide Prevention Coalition, the Department of Health and Welfare and other organizations.
- 6/14/2018 The SDE launched a follow-up survey of district superintendents and charter school directors to collect more stakeholder feedback on School Safety Grants and other topics.
- 6/18/2018 At a Threat Assessment workshop for SROs and administrators Superintendent Ybarra discussed the KISS initiative, reprising a very popular presentation from the April Prevention Conference.

7/18/2018 ISBA published Superintendent Ybarra's article "I Want To Hear From You About How To Better Support Local School Safety Efforts" in the Summer 2018 edition of SLATE Magazine.

8/22/2018 The SDE hosted a KISS overview and stakeholder feedback webinar for school safety stakeholders.

9/4/2018 The SDE submitted a budget request to the Idaho Legislature seeking supplemental funding for KISS in FY2019 and funding in FY2020.

9/13/2018 SDE staff provided an update about KISS to the Idaho School Safety and Security Advisory Board.

9/20/2018 The SDE hosted a KISS overview and stakeholder feedback webinar for school safety stakeholders.

9/28/2018 Superintendent Ybarra sent correspondence explaining KISS details to Idaho's county sheriffs and cities' chiefs of police.

10/1/2018 The SDE published a document titled *Answers to Frequently Asked Questions* about KISS.

10/3/2018 Superintendent Ybarra sent correspondence explaining KISS details to Idaho Legislators.

10/4/2018 The SDE published a document titled *Introduction to KISS*.

10/5/2018 In a Weekly Update email, SDE staff asked school district superintendents and public charter school administrations to share information about KISS with parents of students in their schools.

10/9/2018 Superintendent Ybarra sent correspondence explaining KISS details to Idaho's county-level elected officials (excluding sheriffs, who were previously contacted).

10/10/2018 SDE staff provided an update to the Parent Advisory Council about KISS.

10/10/2018 The SDE hosted a KISS overview and feedback webinar for law enforcement members.

10/11/2018 The SDE hosted a KISS overview and feedback webinar for school counselors and school psychologists.