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Business Manager, and/or Technology Director:

Senate Bill 1185 (S1185), which was passed during the 2015 Idaho State Legislative session, authorizes the State Department of Education to distribute funding toward the implementation and operation of an instructional management system (IMS) of your choice if you have decided not to use the state-hosted Schoolnet system. S1185 does require that each instructional management system meet certain basic requirements as outlined below:

S1185 ([PDF](#))

SECTION 8: The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall distribute an amount not to exceed \$2,611,000 to school districts and charter schools based on the support units used to calculate salary-based apportionment. Moneys so distributed shall be used to implement and operate an instructional management system of their choice that meets the individual learning needs and progress of all students. An instructional management system must include individual student learning plans, monitoring of interventions, and analysis of student and classroom levels of learning. Funds shall not be distributed to districts or charter schools whose primary instructional management system is hosted by the State Department of Education.

In order to fulfill the intent of S1185, each district or public charter school that is not using the state-hosted Schoolnet system and wishes to receive this funding must complete a simple questionnaire found at the link below. This questionnaire simply asks for your contact information and whether your instructional management system meets the requirements set forth in S1185. Your replacement IMS must be in use at some point during the 2015-16 school year. We encourage you to review your IMS to ensure it meets the legislative requirements and submit the following funding questionnaire so you can receive your payment without delay next spring.

Questionnaire Link: <http://tinyurl.com/IMSfundingquestionnaire>

The questionnaire can be accessed immediately. The deadline to submit the questionnaire is January 15, 2016. Funding will be determined based on support units calculated from the information submitted with your November ISEE upload and will be distributed after the instructional units are calculated for the February foundation payment. In order to maximize your district or charter schools funding, it is vital that your ISEE upload is accurate. There will be no supplemental payments to resolve corrections made after the February payments are calculated.

Superintendent Ybarra recognizes the importance of this IMS funding and its role in student achievement within each school district in Idaho, and would like to emphasize the importance of local control in selecting an IMS. Superintendent Ybarra would also encourage Business Managers and Technology Directors to discuss S1185, and its funding opportunity with your superintendent as well as other district administrators.

Should you have any questions about the requirements for the IMS or this questionnaire please feel free to contact the Technology Services division of the SDE at your convenience. Should you have questions about the payments themselves please feel free to contact the Finance division of the SDE. You can contact either division by calling 208-332-6800.

Regards,

Chris Campbell
Chief Technology Officer