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Superintendent Ybarra’s in-person learning bill heads to governor’s desk

(BOISE) – Legislation protecting Idaho children’s access to in-person education cleared the Senate by unanimous vote Tuesday evening and now heads to Gov. Brad Little’s desk.

“This was my top priority for this legislative session, and I am grateful lawmakers recognize its importance,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra said. “Educators and parents throughout Idaho agree that in-person interaction with teachers and peers is an essential part of an effective education, especially for our students with special needs. Idaho law will now reflect that priority while preserving districts’ ability to respond to local safety conditions.”

“Most Idaho schools are now back to in-person learning, and that is a huge relief and a positive signal for the coming months,” Superintendent Ybarra said. “But we don’t know what future emergencies might arise, and it is important to have a policy in place prioritizing in-person education as part of our mission to maximize all students’ ability to succeed in school and in life.”

[House Bill 175](#), which previously passed the House, calls for school districts and charter schools to offer in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible but retains local control for school boards.

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