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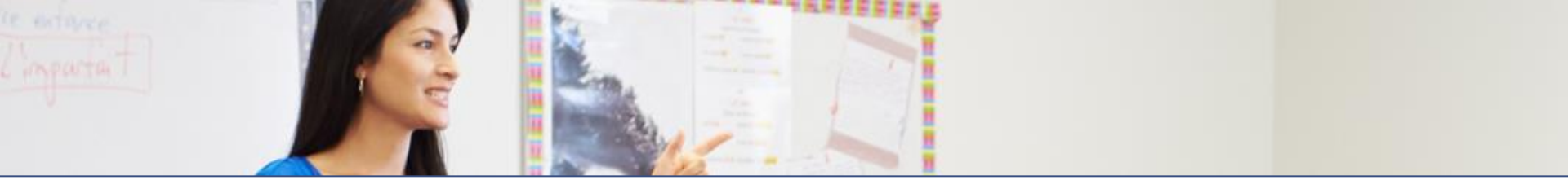
-Technology Updates-



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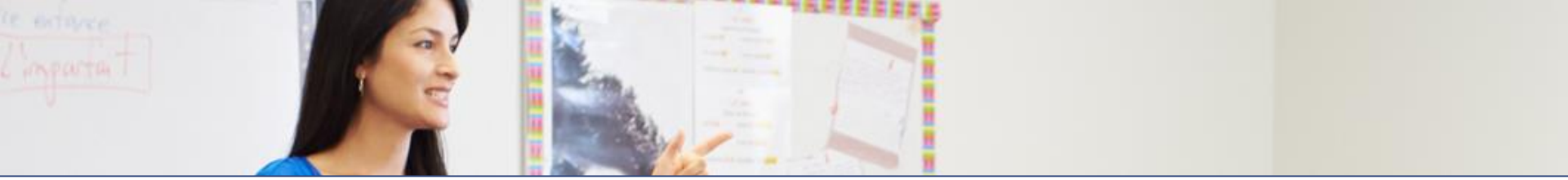

Overview: My Idaho Courses

Goals and Purpose

- To create a tool to connect any Idaho student to all available digital courses across the state regardless of geography.
- Provide a convenient, secure, and effective tool for the parent/guardian to view and register for digital courses available in Idaho.

Status of My Idaho Courses

Portal is currently live. Districts may upload courses.

- Districts may upload courses and sessions through My Idaho Courses.
- Once sessions are available, students may begin registering for courses and sessions through My Idaho Courses.
- Students and parents have the ability to search for many different subjects, and also provide feedback on the course as well as rate the course following completion
- Contact Rick Kennedy at the State Department of Education at (208) 332-6852 or email rkennedy@sde.idaho.gov

My Idaho Courses
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Connecting All Idaho students to courses regardless of location.

IEN Replacement Funding (S1171)

- History
  - IEN Court Case
  - Remainder of FY15 (4.5 Months) (H0168)
    - Total Cost: $1,866,000
    - State Savings $3,185,000
  - Distribution to schools that lost E-Rate eligibility for additional services purchased off of the state contract. (H0263 Section 3(c))

- FY 16 Legislation (S1171 Section 4)
  - Appropriation: $6,300,000 (IEN FY16 Request: $10,596,300)
  - Reimbursement for the non-Erate portion of the IEN replacement broadband.
  - For equivalent service to the services purchased on March 26, 2015.
  - E-Rate Support contact at SDE is Todd Lawrence.

IEN Replacement Funding (cont'd) (S1171)

- FY 16 Reporting Requirements (S1171 Section 5)
  - Level of service purchased.
  - Number of students using the internet, taking online courses, using online digital curriculum, and using other online digital tools.

- Idaho Opportunity Network (H0315)
  - Quasi State Agency
  - Created stakeholder board
  - Provided E-Rate and technical help to schools.
  - Optional
  - Reject by in State Affairs

IEN Replacement Funding (cont'd) (S1171)

"SECTION 4. USE OF FUNDS. It is the intent of the Legislature that up to $6,300,000 from the General Fund provided in Section 1 of this act shall be provided to schools to purchase broadband services in an amount ***equivalent to what was procured as of March 26, 2015.*** *(a) Schools shall have the power to procure telecommunication services, including high-bandwidth connectivity, Internet access, and purchase equipment, and other related services as necessary to provide for the continuation of broadband-related functions, so long as all purchases are conducted* ***in accordance with Idaho Code governing procurement****. (b) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall require school districts to* ***provide documentation to support all funds distributed.*** *Payments to schools for broadband and associated services shall be for the* ***non-discounted portion of E-rate services****, when applicable. (c) Equivalent services shall be determined by the superintendent at the level of services necessary to meet the educational needs of the students and to provide and maintain necessary supporting equipment and infrastructure. When reimbursement is requested for this purpose, or as it relates to the expansion of services or for the purchase of equipment, then the superintendent may approve such requests after a* ***cost/benefit analysis*** *is conducted that justifies the expansion or purchase of equipment. (d) The superintendent shall have the authority to make advances of the money appropriated for this purpose to schools as the superintendent deems adequate, as determined by the demonstrated need and the cost of services to the school district. (e) This is a fixed appropriation and any unexpended and unencumbered balance shall revert to the General Fund."* *(S1171)*

High School Wireless (S1189 Section 9)

- Appropriation: $2,063,000
- Continue to fund the current contract.
- Provide $21 per student for district that never opted into the state solution, and districts that opted-out of the state solution by June 30, 2014.
    - Districts must have wireless technology infrastructures that meet or exceed the standards established in Idaho Code.
    - Setup walkthrough if you have opted out, and are ready to be certified.

SchoolNet (S1185 Section 8)

- OPE Report
- SchoolNet in FY16
  - System will remain running for the school year.
  - District will continue to have the option to use SchoolNet.
- FY16 IMS
  - $2,611,000 for districts to purchase their own IMS.
  - “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.”
  - Discovery Education will still be available.

ISEE

- Issues
  - Burdensome to districts
  - Unnecessary data
  - Frequency of data collections
- Fixes
  - Reduce the amount of elements collected
  - Reduce the frequency of collections
- Process
  - Analysis of each element by SDE program staff for unnecessary elements, and necessary collection frequency.
  - Analysis of each element by SDE IT staff to compare against EdFacts and other federal requirements, and necessary collection frequency.
  - Analysis by State Board and PTE for unnecessary elements and necessary collection frequency.

ISEE (cont'd)

- Process (cont'd)
  - Removal of unnecessary elements.
  - Purging of unnecessary data.
  - Determination of which required elements can be collected in aggregate vs disaggregated.
  - Determination of which data should be collected in ISEE versus standalone reporting processes.
  - Building of standalone applications.
  - Release of documentation on new procedures, reporting timelines, and requirements.
  - Training of stakeholders in new reporting requirements and procedures.
  - Reduction of ISEE collection frequency to match new requirements.

Technology Funding Recap

- $13,000,000 for classroom technology (S1185 Section 7)
- $6,300,000 for IEN replacement broadband (S1171)
- $2,611,000 for district IMS (S1185 Section 8)
- $2,500,000 for technology staff (S1185 Section 6)
- $2,063,000 for high school wireless (S1189 Section 9)
- $1,000,000 for Microsoft IT Academy (S1189 Section 13)
- $904,000 for Discovery Education (S1189 Section 12)
- $650,000 for Plato (S1189 Section 12)

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