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## **JFAC APPROVES 6.8% PUBLIC SCHOOLS INCREASE WITH POSSIBLE TRAILER BILLS**

(BOISE) – Yesterday, the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC) approved a 6.8% general fund increase for Idaho’s public schools. Highlighted line items from the JFAC approved public schools budget are as follows:

- Second year of the Career Ladder
- Discretionary Funding - \$25,696 or a 7.7% increase
- Academic and College or Career Advisors - \$5,000,000 which is a new line item
- Classroom Technology - \$5,000,000 increase, totaling \$18,000,000
- Gifted and Talented - \$1,000,000
- Mastery-Based Education - \$1,400,000

“I am amazed at what we have accomplished here today,” Superintendent Sherri Ybarra said. “This is important for Idaho’s public schools in meeting those critical areas that impact our classrooms, and I applaud the members of JFAC for their efforts in supporting schools and students to achieve.”

JFAC may consider additional trailer bills following the approval of the 6.8% increase in general fund dollars. An example is [House Bill 526](#) related to literacy intervention programs—if this piece of legislation passes and is signed in law, JFAC would then consider a trailer bill to appropriate additional funding over-and-above the 6.8% in general funds approved today.

The Public School Support Program budget is attached as a supplemental PDF, and highlights the Superintendent’s request as well as the Governor’s recommendation. All public schools budget question should be directed to Jeff Church at (208) 332-6934 or by email at [jchurch@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:jchurch@sde.idaho.gov).

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**Note:** The attached public school support program supplemental PDF excludes Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind.