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WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATE

TO: Superintendents, Charter Administrators

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Per your request: Clarification Questions from Webinar

- Parents have the right to decide how to educate their children, whether through public school, private school or home schooling. Idaho Code, 33-1012 codifies this right. The Board of Education has been charged constitutionally and statutorily with the general supervision of Idaho's public school system and for setting standards for a uniform and thorough system of public education. If parents choose to send their children through the public school system and want their children to receive a diploma from a public high school, those students must meet the graduation requirements set forth by the Board of Education and adopted by the State through the administrative rule process. Those requirements are found in IDAPA 08.02.03.105. These graduation requirements set forth the minimum graduation requirements. School districts are allowed to, and often do, set higher graduation requirements.
- IDAPA 08.02.03.105.06, requires students in Idaho public schools to achieve a proficient or advanced score on the grade 10 (ten) Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) in math, reading and language usage in order to graduate. The Board waived the requirement that students receive a proficient or advanced score on the ISAT, for the 2015-2016 school year. The Board did not waive the requirement that students *take the ISAT*; however a student will be permitted to graduate in 2016 even if the student did not take the ISAT, for whatever reason. No other decisions have been made as to future classes, therefore, the ISAT achievement of proficient or higher is currently a graduation requirement for the class of 2017. We will keep you informed if this information changes.
- Federal law requires that 95 percent of eligible public school students take the state's standard assessments in English/language arts and math. States that do not meet the required participation levels may jeopardize federal funding of public education.

Notes from SDE Staff

- [The January 29th Superintendent's Webinar](#) has been posted on the SDE website
- [Participants Requested: 2016 Visual Arts Teacher Preparation Standards Review](#)
- [2-Day Train the Trainer, and 4-day Instructional Coaching Danielson Trainings now being offered](#)
- [Teacher opportunities for online scoring of performance items on the SBAC now available](#)
- [Interim Assessment Reports released for the Interim Comprehensive and Block Assessments](#)
- [Idaho's young artists invited to enter the Idaho Aviation Art Contest "Flying Saves Lives"](#)

- [Mastery Advancement Program enrollment period is currently open. Learn how your district can receive MAP funding](#)
- [Department Seeks Participation in the 2016 Pre-Service Technology Teacher Preparation Standards Review](#)
- [As of September 1, 2015 all renewals \(online and paper\) require official transcripts](#)

Down The Road...

- [\\$2,000 and \\$500 scholarships available through the “What Drives You” scholarship program](#)
- [Idaho Day Celebration will take place on March 4, 2016 to celebrate Idaho’s territorial anniversary](#)
- [ISAS program seeks teacher mentors for 2016 Summer Academy](#)

Recent News Releases

- [Mastery Education Network Application Process Now Available to Idaho Schools and Districts \(2.1.2016\)](#)
- [Superintendent Ybarra Presents FY17 Budget Requests to the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee \(JFAC\) \(1.28.2016\)](#)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

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