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TO: Superintendents, Charter Administrators

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Rural Education Support Centers Update

We are continuing to work on the Rural Education Support Centers and are crafting an RS to support that effort. We will move forward with Rural Education Support Centers and continue working to support our over 70% rural school districts across the state.

Idaho's Civics Test Update

Per several questions regarding the Idaho Civics test; currently students are required to take all 100 questions and pass with a 60% (taking the test as many times as necessary, beginning in the 7th grade). The statute remains the same.

Per your request: Clarification Questions from the January 29th Webinar (Condensed)

- Class of 2016 – Requirement to take ISAT or alternate route, and proficiency were all waived by the Board in October 2015.
- Class of 2017 – Must take the ISAT or alternate route, but proficiency not required of those who participate.
- Class of 2018 – Proficiency currently required to graduate. Should encourage students to take ISAT to avoid potentially jeopardizing federal school funding.
- Future classes - Proficiency currently required to graduate. This requirement will be discussed by the State Board of Education at its April 2016 meeting.

Notes from SDE Staff

- [Registration Now Open for the 2016 Post Legislative Tour—April 12th – 20th](#)
- [Department of Education Announces Idaho Educator Career Fairs in Regions I, II, and IV](#)
- [Idaho's Mastery-Based Education Application Window Closes This Friday, March 11th](#)
- [View Think Through Math's Idaho Math Cup Results](#)
- [Learn About Khan Academy's Learn Storm Efforts in Idaho](#)
- [Save the Date for the Idaho Advanced Opportunities Conference](#)
- [Alternative Summer School Applications Are Now Available](#)
- [2016-2017 School Calendar forms available on SDE website—completed calendars](#)

due May 31st

- [Registration Now Open: 23rd Annual Idaho Prevention and Support Conference](#)
- [Teacher opportunities for online scoring of performance items on the SBAC now available](#)
- [Interim Assessment Reports released for the Interim Comprehensive and Block Assessments](#)
- [Mastery Advancement Program enrollment period is currently open. Learn how your district can receive MAP funding](#)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

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