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WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATE

TO: Superintendents, Charter Administrators

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Notes from SDE Staff

- [\\$20,000 available to Idaho schools for support of school wellness efforts.](#)
- [Important Notice: Background Investigation Check \(BIC\) fee and forms updates.](#)
- [54th Annual United States Senate Youth Scholarship Program deadline for completed student materials is October 23, 2015.](#)
- [Constitution Day September 17: Federal law requires that each educational institution receiving federal funds hold an educational program on the U.S. Constitution](#)
- [SDE-Child Nutrition/Healthy Schools announces the release of \\$20,000 for school wellness projects: school sites may apply for up to \\$1000.](#)
- [Air quality information from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare \(Air Quality Table\)](#)
- **Reminder:** [Notes on assessments for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year:](#)
 1. Annual State Assessment (SBAC) includes grades 3-10, and grade 11 is optional.
 2. Grade 9 SBAC participation is required in the spring of 2016.
 3. Grade 10 is the SBAC tested grade spring of 2016; proficiency is required of this cohort for graduation in 2018.
 4. Grade 11 SBAC is optional for all grade 11 students in spring of 2016. Sophomores who did not take the SBAC in 2015 will be required to take the test in the spring of 2016 as grade 11 juniors.
 5. Students will participate in biology and/or chemistry EOC's before graduation.
 6. Students must participate and pass the civics assessment.
 7. Grade 11 will participate in a college entrance exam. The three options for college entrance exams are SAT, ACT and COMPASS
 8. **Note:** Temporary rules have been approved by the State Board of Education, however the Idaho Legislature must approve the temporary rules during the upcoming 2016 legislative session. In effect, legislators have the final approval of the rules.
 9. **Note:** Further discussions on the above items are forthcoming, please continue to read the weekly superintendent email update in the coming weeks.

Recent News Releases *(Press releases distributed to the media)*

- [State Department of Education Receives Final Approval of ESEA Flexibility Waiver](#)
(8.21.2015)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

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