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TO: Superintendents, Charter Administrators

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Notes from SDE Staff

- [The Superintendent's Webinar is scheduled for September 17, 2015 at 11:00 AM MDT. Register Here.](#)
- [Advanced Opportunities web-based portal goes live.](#)
- [Nominate you star in the Idaho Department of Labor's "Idaho's Brightest Star Awards".](#)
- [The Idaho Superintendent's Network and Idaho Principal's Network is just around the corner. Please contact Tyson Carter for registration information.](#)
- **Revised: 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 **beginning in the 2016-2017 school year.**
 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*)

- [Idaho Juniors May Apply for Aerospace Program Through the State Department of Education \(8.25.2015\)](#)
- [Planning for my Future Art Contest Open to All Public School Students Grades 7-12 \(8.24.2015\)](#)
 - [Planning for my Future PDF Flyer](#)
- [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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