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WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATE

TO: Superintendents, Charter Administrators

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Note from Superintendent Ybarra

As a follow-up to the October 24th webinar discussion regarding the SBAC and ACT/SAT, we currently administer the high school SBAC in 10th grade. If we dropped the 10th grade SBAC, we would then only give the ACT/SAT in 11th grade—currently, the department is contracted with SAT. We will continue contemplating whether to use the ACT or SAT, and also consider whether pushing money out to districts for them to choose is better than a state contract. If the decision is made to allow districts to decide on the ACT/SAT, we may then be required to leave the SBAC in place, administered in the 10th grade as the statewide high school assessment.

Notes from SDE Staff

- [Webinar Follow-up: Paraprofessionals proposed rule \(Docket No. 08-0202-1607\)](#)
- [Webinar Follow-up: Career Ladder data collection temporary rule \(IDAPA 08.02.01.251\)](#)
- [Department to hold Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\) State Plan feedback forums. Learn more here](#)
- [Federal grants for afterschool programs now available through 21st Century Community Learning Centers \(21st CCLC\)](#)
- [It's time to register for the National Geographic Bee. Over 100 Idaho schools participate annually in this fun and educational event.](#)
- [Response to Intervention \(RTI\) Training Now Available Through the State Department of Education](#)
- [November 17-18, 2016 for the 2016 Idaho Family and Community Engagement Conference](#)
- [Parents can support school project in their child's classroom by Fueling Up at local Chevron and Texaco stations in October](#)
- [Save Energy. Save Money. School may participate in hands-on training to identify ways to reduce energy use](#)
- [Registration now open for the 2016 Idaho Student Mock Election presented by Idaho Secretary of State Lawrence Denney](#)
- [2016 Holiday Card Contest submissions are now being accepted. Click here to learn more about submission guidelines, due November 11th.](#)

- [Update from Project Learning Tree: National Forest Products Week and free resources for teachers](#)
- [Department and Professional Standards Commission \(PSC\) seek dedicated professionals to participate in the 2016 review of Idaho Standards for Administrator and Teacher Preparation](#)
- [2016-2017 Danielson Workshop offerings now open for registration](#)
- [Fall Accreditation Meeting Dates Now Available Through AdvancED](#)

Down The Road...

- [April 5-7, 2017 for the 2017 Federal Programs Conference themed “Imagine the Possibilities” – Call for Presenters, Click Here to learn more](#)

Recent Press Releases

- [Opinion: Idaho Needs an Accountability System That Reflects State Values and Enables Mutual Responsibility, by Superintendent Ybarra \(10.13.2016\)](#)
- [Department to Lead Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\) State Plan Feedback Forums \(10.13.2016\)](#)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks
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