Homedale School District #370

Memo

To: Board of Trustees

From: Rob Sauer

Date: 9/9/2026

Re: Superintendents Board Report

Updates

- SGO Tax Credit - The Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) Tax Credit allows individual taxpayers to claim a federal tax credit of up to $1,700 for contributions made to approved SGOs starting January 1, 2027. This initiative aims to encourage private donations that support K-12 education through scholarships. Contributions must be made to approved Scholarship Granting Organizations that provide scholarships for elementary and secondary education. Idaho has opted in to participate in the SGO tax credit program. The Idaho Association of School Administrators (IASA) and BLUUM are two organizations in Idaho that are working to set up an SGO. They must be legally incorporated nonprofits that meet federal and state tax criteria, focus their mission on educational scholarships, and gain approval or listing through state and federal guidelines. Potentially, we could work with IASA to allow people to make donations that could benefit our school district and allow the donors a tax credit. This was part of the One Big Beautiful Bill that was passed by Congress in 2025.

- It's that time of year again where state agencies submit their budget proposals to the Governor. The top priority for our state superintendent is a rewrite of the funding formula. She is also asking for an increase in operational funding. Historically, we have called it discretionary funding. There is more flexibility in operational funding, so that would be of benefit for us. It's a long shot, but we could see some discussion around the legislature trying to get rid of the levy option, but trade it for funding on enrollment rather than ADA. Again, it's a long shot, but could really benefit the districts that don't currently have a supplemental levy.