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**To:** Board of Trustees  
**From:** Rob Sauer  
**Date:** 4/8/2020  
**Re:** Superintendents Board Report

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## Education Updates

- As you know the State Board of Education continued the soft closure through the end of each districts calendar year. They did say that reopening criteria will be established in case there is a chance of reopening this current school year. The criteria will be discussed by the State Board of Education at their April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The current stay at home order for Idaho is currently in place until April 15<sup>th</sup> and the federal order is until April 30<sup>th</sup>. We expect the state order to be extended. We believe at this time that the reopening criteria will be a pretty high bar and will be difficult for us to meet. We are preparing to finish the current calendar year as we are presently.
- The State Board passed a motion asking for Governor Little to use his executive authority to waive instructional hour requirements, as well as requirements regarding the civics test and the Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI) test.
- The State Board has waived certain graduation requirements, including this year's juniors completing a college entrance exam. The SDE is working on what to do for those juniors that still want to take the college entrance exam as it was paid for by the State.
- Last week 1,174 meals were handed out in four days from our school district. We have two locations for grab and go - Homedale Elementary School and Txoko Ona. We are also delivering some meals to families as well.
- Approximately 350 Chromebooks were checked out last week. We are also working with outside sources on possibly getting more Chromebooks and mobile hotspots in support of those that don't have connectivity.

- We currently have a 1% holdback in the State for all agencies. That is equivalent to around \$70-\$75,000 for our district. With that said, there are federal stimulus dollars that will offset some of that. We are trying to figure out how much would be offset and what type of flexibility is available on the stimulus dollars.
- We are expecting a possible 5% holdback for our next budget year that begins July 1, 2020 from the State of Idaho. The State is looking at freezing salaries, not implementing yet the third rung of the Career Ladder that was approved in the most recent legislative session, holding back leadership premiums and other line items to help offset the holdback. They will also be working on creating as much flexibility as they deem appropriate in several of our line items to also help with the holdback.