

Memo

To: Board of Trustees
From: Rob Sauer
Date: 1/9/2019
Re: Superintendents Board Report

Education Updates

- HP will be funding a study that is projected to be completed by June, 2019. The goals of the study are to focus on how to align curriculum, teaching methods and testing to support economic growth; identify the college majors and career technical fields that encourage growth; and learn what Idaho employer's need, and don't see, from the current pool of applicants.
- Governor Brad Little has identified education as one of his top priorities as a newly inaugurated governor.
 - Since revenue projections are down he has suggested that he doesn't want to repeal the grocery tax until 2020 so additional money can be placed into budget reserves.
 - The Governor has publicly supported funding the 5th year of the career ladder implementation as well as convening a new task force to establish new goals for education in Idaho.
 - Additional funding has been proposed to support the goal of students reading at grade level by the end of third grade. It appears that these dollars, if allocated, could be used for all day kindergarten but not early childhood or pre-k.
 - Governor Little did not touch on the school funding rewrite but there is a strong desire in the House to take on this issue.