

Lakeland Joint School District #272

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dedicated to student success.**

Board Agenda Item **Request**

AGENDA ITEM: FY26 Changes in State Funding

MEETING DATE: May 7, 2025

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INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY:

The State Department of Education held a FY26 Budget Webinar on April 15, 2025. Additional information was provided in the Post-Legislative Roadshow on May 2, 2025. The highlights for K-12 Education are outlined below:

- **House Bill 251 - Section 10 - Discretionary Funds**
 - Discretionary funds of \$23,472 will be distributed per support unit for FY26. **No change from FY25.**
- **House Bill 251 - Section 11 - Health Benefit and Insurance Funds**
 - The distribution for health insurance will be \$21,902 per support unit for FY26. **An increase of \$1,751 per support unit for FY26.**
- **House Bill 251 - Section 16 - Open Enrollment Information**
 - The State Department of Education shall withhold the November payment for any school district that is not in compliance with the provisions of Section 33-1409, Idaho Code, until such time as the school district becomes compliant. **The District is in compliance with this provision.**
- **House Bill 251 - Section 21 - Digital Content & Curricula**
 - The \$1,600,000 for Digital Content & Curriculum funds will continue to be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. The Director of Content & Curriculum will send information on requesting these funds in June. **The Digital Content & Curriculum funds were claimed within 90 minutes for FY25. LJSD did receive a portion of the funds last year. We are ready to submit our request on July 1, 2025, for FY26 funds.**

- **House Bill 305 - Section 1 - Staff Allowance**
 - While school districts will still be subject to use-it-or-lose-it, all school districts will be “reset” to 9.5%, and no reductions will be made based on class size. **This does not have an impact on LJSD as our use-it-or-lose-it percentage was 9.5%. We should remain at this percentage as long as we continue to employ the number of instructional and pupil services staff we are allocated to receive maximum state funding.**
- **House Bill 338 - Section 1 - Public School Facilities Cooperative Funding Program**
 - Modifies the language regarding the Public School (District) Facilities Fund and shifts \$25 million from the Bond Levy Equalization fund to this fund.
- **House Bill 338 - Section 2 - School District Facilities Fund**
 - Modifies the language regarding the “waterfall” of uses for School District Facilities Funds if a school is participating in the Public School Facilities Cooperative Funding program.
- **House Bill 396 - Section 1 - Transportation Support Program**
 - Eliminates the requirement to reduce, on a pro-rata basis, \$7,500,000 in transportation funding.
- **House Bill 452 - Section 22 - Idaho Digital Learning Academy**
 - The Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA), created pursuant to Chapter 55, Title 33, Idaho Code, shall utilize state-appropriated funds for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, to achieve the following:
 - (1) Tuition charged by IDLA to Idaho School Districts and Charter Schools shall not exceed \$40.00 per enrollment. **This is a reduction of \$35 from FY25.**
 - (2) Provide remedial coursework for students failing to achieve proficiency in one or more areas of Idaho’s standards-based tests.
 - (3) Pursuant to State Board of Education rule, IDPA 08.02.03, provide advanced opportunities, including access to dual credit courses, for students.
- **House Bill 465 - Section 4 - District’s Salary-Based Apportionment**
 - Changed the Administrative base salary to \$46,668 from \$44,446 for FY25.
 - Also changed the Classified base salary to \$41,964 from \$39,966 for FY25.
 - **This is a 5% CEC to the base for both categories.**
- **House Bill 465 - Section 8 - Age Compliance**
 - The State Department of Education shall verify compliance with Section 33-201, Idaho Code, prior to distributing any state funds to a school district or public charter school for services related to children. *Verification shall occur prior to distributing funds in the November payment pursuant to Idaho Code 33-1009, Idaho Code.*
- **Senate Bill 1213 - Section 4 - Statewide Training for Early Literacy**
 - ...\$5,000,000 shall be expended for intensive professional development and coaching supports that leverage literacy experts who are approved by the State Department of Education and trained in the science of reading in conformance with Section 33-1807(7), IC.

- **33-1004E - Career Ladder Minimums for FY2026** *(Additional clarification/impact provided in another agenda item for May 7, 2025 Board Meeting)*
 - **Residency** - No full-time Instructional/Pupil Service staff on the residency compensation rung shall be paid less than the R1 allocation.
 - 33-1004E - District's salary-based apportionment. Each district shall be entitled to a salary-based apportionment calculated as provided in this section. (1)... No full-time instructional staff member or pupil service staff member on the **residency** compensation rung **shall be paid less than the minimum dollar amount on the career ladder residency compensation rung pursuant to section 33-1004B, Idaho Code, for the applicable fiscal year.**
 - **Professional** - No full-time Instructional/Pupil Service staff on the professional compensation rung shall be paid less than the P1 allocation.
 - (2) Effective July 1, 2022, no full-time instructional staff member or pupil service staff member on the **professional ~~or advanced professional~~** compensation rung **shall be paid less than the minimum dollar amount on the career ladder professional compensation rung pursuant to section 33-1004B, Idaho Code, for the applicable fiscal year.**
 - **Advanced Professional** - No full-time Instructional/Pupil Service staff on the advanced professional compensation rung shall be paid less than the AP1 allocation. **(New for FY2026)**
 - (2) Effective July 1, 2025, no full-time instructional staff member or pupil service staff member on the **advanced professional** compensation rung **shall be paid less than the minimum dollar amount on the career ladder advanced professional compensation rung pursuant to section 33-1004B, Idaho Code, for the applicable fiscal year.**