

## **LJSD Board of Trustees**

### **Financial Follow-up - May 7, 2025**

#### **Updates:**

- School District Modernization Funds
  - I informed the Board earlier this year that the State had additional bond proceeds to distribute in relation to the School Modernization Facilities Funds. The distribution was held up by the legislative session, as they anticipated a trailer bill that would dictate the distribution of these additional funds. The trailer bill never came to fruition, so the State disbursed the funds on 4/22/25.
  - Lakeland Joint School District received an additional \$1,897,392.12, bringing our total distribution to \$19,814,230.23 (without earned interest). These funds are to be used for capital building improvements that will last more than seven years.
- Moreton & Company Update
  - We were notified by Moreton & Company that they have ended their partnership with ICRMP. Please see below for their explanation:
    - *As you are aware, we are in negotiations with several providers for the renewal of our 7/1/25 insurance plan. One of those providers is ICRMP, who has been our carrier since 2014. Over the last several years, there have been changes at ICRMP that have led to challenges for our program. Those have included increasing costs, coverage restrictions and reductions, and a lack of clear communication for their vision for the future of their program. We have expressed those concerns to ICRMP and asked that they help us find a way forward. Those negotiations have been unsuccessful, and ICRMP will therefore no longer be our insurance partner effective 7/1/2025.*
    - *The end of this partnership triggers a policy requirement that ICRMP provide notice of non-renewal of your policy. That notice will come to you via a communication from their executive director on 5/1/25. We are finalizing a new partnership that we are confident will deliver expanded coverage, cost stability, and secure the future of our program. We will be delivering proposals to you as soon as possible. We appreciate your support and trust as we work to the collective benefit of Idaho Schools.*
- School Bus Cost Increase -
  - We were notified by Harlows Bus Sales that there is a slight increase of \$4,911.49 per bus for the school buses. This increase is due to the tariffs on the materials that were procured to complete the build of the buses. We have enough funds in the depreciation fund to handle this small increase.
  - Our Transportation Director confirmed with the other bidding companies that they have experienced similar price increases. She also confirmed that their delivery timeline exceeds the current delivery schedule from Harlows.