

Memo

To: Board of Trustees
From: Rob Sauer
Date: 1/11/2024
Re: Superintendents Board Report

Updates

- The legislative session officially began, Monday, January 8th. This is an election year for legislators so the goal for them is to be done mid-March. There appears to be a focus on facilities for this upcoming session. As well as a number of outlying topics.
- Highlights from Governor Little's State of the State Address. This is obviously subject to the legislative process.
 - The governor is focusing on school facilities in the upcoming session. He has asked for the state to invest \$2 billion in school facilities. This could include a state bond to help pay for the investments. A part of the debate will center on balancing a long-term investment with some long-term debt, depending on how much and how they decide to fund it.
 - Idaho Launch will continue to be a focus with all of the dollars being applied for by current seniors.
 - School choice, vouchers, and possible private school tax credits will all be discussed as well as another library bill similar to one that didn't survive the Governor's veto in last year's legislative session.