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**To:** Board of Trustees  
**From:** Rob Sauer  
**Date:** 3/4/2020  
**Re:** Superintendents Board Report

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## Education Updates

- JFAC has approved the education budgets. Those budgets will move on to the House and Senate. Highlights for K-12 education in the state include - \$24 million in new funding for teacher salaries through the career ladder. This would align the full-time employee counts in each cell of the ladder. \$11.5 million to pay for growth. \$7.4 million to increase discretionary spending to help cover the cost of health insurance. \$6 million for minimum salaries — in line with a 2019 law to increase the minimum salary to \$40,000 over two years. \$3.1 million for Idaho's K-3 literacy initiative, which would make the entire \$26.1 million literacy budget an ongoing line item. \$2 million in increased funding for the advanced opportunities program. \$1 million for professional development that districts and charters could use toward training or resources to support social-emotional learning, suicide prevention or students' mental wellness. These numbers are statewide and we don't know what our allocations will look like at this point.
- The third rung of the Career Ladder has passed the House and is now in the Senate. This would allow teachers that qualify the opportunity to earn more on the salary schedule. They would have to meet established requirements and have been teaching for at least eight years.
- Election Consolidation – This legislation would remove the March and August election dates and require elections to only be held in May and/or November. This is HB 393 and has cleared the House and is now in the Senate.
- The State Department of Education will be hosting the annual Post Legislative Tour on April 24th in Boise for our region. I will plan on attending.