

**Report to the Board  
Federal Programs Director  
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**Overview**

Recent efforts within Federal Programs have focused on strengthening compliance, improving service delivery, and enhancing staff capacity through targeted professional development and updated guidance.

**State Updates**

- New WIDA ACCESS assessments for English Language Learners
- New State test for students who take the ISAT-alt: Dynamic Learning Maps- DLM
- New [Special Education Manual](#) to be updated and in effect July 1, 2026

**IEP Compliance & Best Practices**

- Case Manager meeting to discuss corrections on our General Supervision File Review (GSFR)
- Reinforced the importance of:
  - Clear, accurate, and legally sound documentation
  - Alignment between student needs, services, and goals
  - Thoughtful language use in IEPs
- Ongoing support is provided to staff to strengthen IEP quality and compliance.

**Funding & Resources**

- School-based Medicaid reimbursement projected to be up 10%
- 2026-2029 English Learner Enhancement Grant- \$3,500 per year for staff PD
- Free/Reduced lunch numbers from March (fund Title I at 4 of the 6 elementary schools)
  - AE 33%
  - BKE 38%
  - GE 29%
  - JBE 49%
  - SLE 41%

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- District Average: 32%
- High Needs Fund- \$5 million high-needs student fund to assist school districts and charters with extraordinary special education costs. The fund helps cover individual student expenses exceeding \$30,000
- Equitable Services: No private schools within the district boundaries participate. Two private schools in the Coeur d' Alene district participate by serving Lakeland students. Coeur d' Alene acts as our fiscal agent for these two schools and distributes the funds Lakeland pays to them based on their plan and documentation submitted. Lakeland currently has 5 students participating for a cost of \$5,968. These allocations are set by the state and are paid from Title II funds.

### **Family Engagement**

- Continued emphasis on strengthening partnerships between schools and families.
- All four Title I schools have completed their annual Family and Community Engagement (FACE) events.