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Dear Team,

I send this email to share existing education legislation that is in the works or on the table at this point in the session. At a recent Idaho Superintendent Network meeting, I committed to being thorough and detailed about passed legislation, that involves us, when we go on the road for the post legislative tour. I think it's in order to share where we are now, what we have brought forward or what is circulating by others. We will stay engaged at the legislature to the very end! I am hopeful that you will join me in those efforts.

With the volume of legislation moving through committees, it can be challenging to keep up, especially when this is not your day job, like it is mine! We have a great team supporting positive educational outcomes and I thank Andy Grover, Heather Williams, Quinn Perry, and Chris Parri along with our friends at IDLA (Jeff Simmons), IASBO (April Burton), and SBOE (Josh Whitworth and Matthew Reiber). With all these eyes on this session, there is still nothing more meaningful than your legislators hearing from you and your patrons about what these laws would look like in your districts and charters.

This email is not intended to put you to work monitoring every legislative live stream! It's a check in on what's being discussed for public education. When I ask a legislator about their vote or support for something and they respond with, "let me check with my district or charter", I think that's a wonderful answer! Some educational ideas are high profile and it's easy to reach out on because they are known and very public. Some are less discussed and yet carry the weight of law, making them equally important.

Our attention to changes, updates, and improvements (and our wishes for taking things off) focus on **the benefit to students, the support of operations, the acknowledgement of local control and an effort to collaborate with us on the front end**. We have seen and will continue to see a variety of things that don't touch on those priorities. With all the national and state attention to reducing bureaucracy and inefficiencies, I am vigilant about what is 'out there' for education. I send the attached list to put those items in front of you too.

I am actively participating in the session, representing you as a statewide elected official. Our days are long and bleed into the weekends. I have reached out to so many of you asking for your thoughts, help and feedback. I thank you for being available to take my calls! And, I invite you to reach out to me at any point- I'm being serious too. We can work through the remainder

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of this session together and frankly that's the only way we'll get through it! At the start of the letter I talked about staying engaged and there are many ways to do that. If it serves us to have a statewide zoom/call or some form of rallying together, I'm all in. I'd love to hear back from you.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie Critchfield". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.