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**To:** Board of Trustees  
**From:** Rob Sauer, Superintendent  
**Date:** October 6, 2015  
**Re:** Superintendent's Board Report

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## Direct College Admissions

- The State Board of Education is preparing to roll out the Direct Admissions initiative this fall. This initiative will offer admissions at Idaho's public colleges and universities in the fall of 2016 to seniors who successfully complete high school this year. Students will receive one of two letters. The first letter accepts student's at all eight Idaho public colleges and universities, and the second letter accepts students to six of the eight institutions. The goal is that every senior, and their parents, receive a letter indicating the student's acceptance at many, or all, of our Idaho public colleges and universities. Students can take advantage of this guaranteed admission to achieve their postsecondary education goals, whether those are a professional/technical certificate, an associate's degree, or a bachelor's degree.

The decision on whether a student is admitted to all eight or six of the public institutions is based on a student's college entrance exam score (ACT or SAT) and/or a student's unweighted GPA. The State Board's goal is to reach every student and provide each student an opportunity to pursue additional education opportunities that fit with each student's goals and abilities. All students will receive a Direct Admissions letter. The Direct Admissions letter will instruct all students to discuss their postsecondary plans and goals with their parents, high school counselors, teachers, principals, and college admissions representatives.