

Attachment 1

2016 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

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The 2016 Legislative Priorities were developed and adopted by superintendents, principals, and special education directors and represent the current legislative focus of the Idaho Association of School Administrators.

We Support the Recommendations of the Governor's Task Force for Improving Education

We are committed to implementation of the recommendations from the Governor's task force.

- a. Restore operational funding for transportation, utilities, healthcare (employee insurance), instructional material, plant facility maintenance, and maintenance of technology infrastructure.
- b. Improve recruitment and retention through competitive compensation to provide students with effective and dedicated teachers, administrators and support personnel.
 - Fully implement and enhance career ladder funding.
- c. Allow fiscal flexibility.

We Support Improvements to Idaho's K-12 Education System

We are committed to:

- a. Continue to work with educational stakeholders and lawmakers to improve Idaho students' college/career readiness.
- b. Support the implementation of the Idaho Core Standards and aligned assessments that are reasonable in length and inform instruction.
- c. Support the continued refinement of a state longitudinal data collection system.
- d. Continue to support adequate funding for IDLA.
- e. Remove obstructions to school-based Medicaid reimbursement.

We Support a Stable Funding Base for Idaho Public Education

- a. Collaborate with decision makers and stakeholders to find ways to reduce health care costs and secure stable funding.
- b. Continue to support Idaho Code as it relates to business personal property tax.
- c. A thorough, equitable and uniform system of school funding with less reliance on local property tax payers.

