

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Tuesday, February 05, 2019
- TIME:** 3:00 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room WW55
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Mortimer, Vice Chairman Thayn, Senators Winder, Den Hartog, Crabtree, Woodward, Lent, Buckner-Webb, and Ward-Engelking
- ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None
- NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.
- CONVENED:** **Chairman Mortimer** called the Education Committee (Committee) to order at 3:01 p.m.
- PRESENTATION:** **Byron Yankey**, Program Manager, College and Career Advising, State Board of Education (SBE), presented the College and Career Counseling, Next Steps Website. **Mr. Yankey** announced to the Committee that this year, the number of students applying for college admission through the website has grown over 60 percent from the previous year. Now, the challenge is to make sure that many of the applicants arrive on campus in the fall.
- Mr. Yankey** detailed the work that has been accomplished during the past year and a half, under the broad title of Guided Pathways which works in conjunction with the Direct Admissions. It is a partnership with Career Technical Education (CTE) and the Workforce Development Council (WFC), working with students starting in middle school and progressing into high school. He detailed the progression students can use in the Guided Pathways program and explained the benefit for students to be able to gather college and career planning information on the website. He showed the Committee the variety of Next Step website tools for student, families, and educators that aid in career advancement. **Mr. Yankey** demonstrated to the Committee the various career exploration tools of the website.
- Sara Scudder**, Program Manager, Career Information Systems, SBE, presented Integration of Career Information into the Next Steps Website. She detailed the changes for the Idaho Career Information System (CIS) which is now on the Next Steps Website. She explained to the Committee the programs that CIS encapsulates. She demonstrated to the Committee how the website occupation buttons link to the majors of study and then link to state and nationwide schools which offer the programs. **Ms. Scudder** detailed the new website updates and stated the changes, which are more student and user friendly (Attachment 1).
- In response to questions from the Committee, **Ms. Scudder** addressed the new personalized learning plan which helps students to visualize a possible career path through the skills they currently possess. She explained the program and stated it begins in the student's eighth grade year of school.
- Tracie Bent**, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, SBE, clarified for the Committee the codified eighth grade learning plan. She stated many districts' websites have portals for students and parents to link them to the Next Steps Website. The objective is to see students use this tool from eighth grade to twelfth grade to help them with future educational goals.

Chairman Mortimer thanked Mr. Yankey and Ms. Scudder for their presentation and demonstration of the Next Steps Website. He conveyed his excitement regarding the program and appreciated what the program is doing for Idaho students.

**RECORDING
LINK:**

To hear the complete presentation of College and Career Counseling, Next Steps, go to: <https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2019/standingcommittees/SEDU/>.

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APPROVAL:**

Senator Lent moved to approve the Minutes of **January 15, 2019**. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

Senator Ward-Engelking moved to approve the Minutes of **January 16, 2019**. **Senator Thayn** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

Senator Den Hartog moved to approve the Minutes of **January 17, 2019**. **Senator Crabtree** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Mortimer** adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Senator Dean M. Mortimer
Chair

LeAnn Mohr
Secretary