

Concerns with the Re-opening in the Fall

July 21

I. Liability

- a. ICRIMP announced they would not insure anything related to Covid-19
 - i. This has put some fear and uncertainty in each of the districts as they work towards a reopening plan.
- b. Ideas for some type of State Procedure for enhancing protections around liability for of Districts / LEAs / Businesses
 - i. Districts / LEAs / Businesses will be not be held liable due to Covid-19 issues as long as the districts / LEAs / business have:
 - 1. Local Board has approved this re-opening plan in an open meeting.
 - 2. Local Districts' plans have met the requirements under the State Re-opening Guidelines.
 - 3. Created a re-opening plan that has been shown to the local Health District.
 - 4. Local Districts are working to upkeep these plans.
 - ii. Other

II. Spending Flexibility

- a. During the downturn in 2008-2012 (Ideas)
 - i. Line items were taken out for a short period of time allowing districts to put funds where they needed to.
 - ii. Lottery dollars were also freed up.
 - iii. Matches to programs were suspended.
 - 1. Example Maintenance Match 33-1019
 - a. This was waived during the downturn and dollars were able to be spent where they were needed.
 - iv. Other

III. ADA

- a. Districts do not know how the Covid pandemic will affect numbers in the school.

- b. Districts may have students on campus as well as at home. Both groups must be educated but difficult to show ADA for this.
- c. The issue that schools may be shut down for a period of time during the upcoming year.
- d. Hold districts to a 95-99% ADA based on this year or last year's numbers, depending on which is greater. (some of districts continue to grow in student numbers from people moving into Idaho).
 - i. Example: 33-1002 Public School Funding
 - 1. Percentage of ADA that districts could be held harmless. (95-99%)

IV. Authority to Close Schools

- a. Local Elected School Board Officials
- b. State Department of Education
- c. Governor's Office / State Board of Education
- d. Change Idaho Code 33-512 subsection 7
(7) To exclude from school, pupils with contagious or infectious diseases who are diagnosed or suspected as having a contagious or infectious disease or those who are not immune and have been exposed to a contagious or infectious disease; and to close school on order of the state board of health and welfare or local health authorities;
Change to: **Local Health Authorities will advise local school boards on contagious or infectious disease in order for the local School board to determine school closure.**

V. Assessments and Accountability

- a. Allow districts to use growth models from assessments given by the local district.
 - i. I-Ready
 - ii. I-Station
 - iii. MAP
 - iv. STAR

- v. IRI
- vi. Other (Local Assessment that is Okayed by the SDE)
- b. Having baseline data and at least two other points to reference for the year. (Fall, Winter, Spring)
- c. Districts show a percentage of growth for students. (Ideas)
 - i. Typical growth pattern based on Assessment that is given.
 - ii. State would define a growth number for each assessment
 - iii. Other
- VI. Transportation.
 - a. Fund Transportation
 - i. Buses may need to run multiple routes to meet the social distancing on the buses.
 - ii. Some schools are holding block schedules in the same day, requiring busses to run routes at least twice a day.
 - iii. Some students must be transported separately or have special needs.
 - b. Fund all miles traveled at the 85% reimbursement
 - c. Other