

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 02, 2020

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Mortimer, Vice Chairman Thayn, Senators Winder, Den Hartog, Crabtree, Woodward, Buckner-Webb, and Ward-Engelking

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Lent

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CONVENED: **Chairman Mortimer** called the Senate Education Committee (Committee) to order at 3:01 p.m. He opened with a poem from the book *A Heap o' Living Along Life's Highway* by Edgar A. Guest, entitled, "My Creed."

PRESENTATION: **Scott Hill**, Vice President of State and Districts Partnerships for the College Board, explained the College Board's role serving educators and students of Idaho. He told the Committee that the SAT was redesigned in 2016 to better serve the needs of students. **Mr. Hill** went on to detail how the SAT was designed, the services that the College Board offers to students, and gave a summary of Idaho students' scores.

Rachel Dixon, College Board, expounded on the different assessments the College Board offers to students to allow them to assess their progress in different subject areas. She detailed the process by which students received their scores at each testing time. **Ms. Dixon** then explained the tools that the College Board offers to educators.

Steve McCue, College Board, outlined the College Board's partnership with Kahn Academy. This partnership allows students to link their PSAT scores to Kahn Academy. Kahn Academy will then develop a study curriculum to help them maximize their skill mastery. He told the Committee that there was a correlation between hours spent on Kahn Academy and an increase in score from PSAT to SAT. **Mr. McCue** then told the Committee about the scholarship opportunities and career guidance that the College Board offers.

Mr. Hill concluded the presentation by outlining College Board's goals for the future.

PRESENTATION: **Dr. Andrew Grover**, Superintendent of Melba School District, introduced **Dr. Sherry Ann Adams**, who presented the testing data from Melba School District. She explained how Melba teachers intervene on behalf of students and meet their needs to continue to grow academically. She presented the i-Ready program that Melba had used to identify students who were two or more years below grade level in math and English language arts, at grade level, or above grade level, and to intervene accordingly. **Dr. Adams** explained the intervention process. **Dr. Grover** told the Committee that the program allowed students and teachers to take a more vested interest in individual students' success.

PRESENTATION: **Don Coberly**, retired Superintendent of Boise School District, introduced **Coby Dennis**, the current Superintendent of Boise School District. **Mr. Dennis** told the Committee about the current tests that Boise School District administers to its students. He gave a summary of the time spent on testing, the quality of the data gathered from the tests, and the use that data has been put to.

Dr. Coberly told the Committee about the tests that Boise School District has administered in the past and how those tests have changed and developed in the past few years. He expounded on the benefits of pre-course and post-course testing to ensure that students are learning the course material.

DISCUSSION: **Chairman Mortimer** told the Committee that due to the Senate reconvening, the remaining presentations would be rescheduled.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Mortimer** adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Senator Dean M. Mortimer
Chair

Morgan Howard
Secretary