

DIRECTOR REPORT - AUGUST 2016

1. **2015/16 Student Assessment Data:** In June, we shared IRI, ISAT and SAT assessment results for the 2015/16 school year. In July, we shared our IB Exam results. Earlier this month, I emailed a brief synopsis of our outstanding PISA results (15 year old students). Principal Doramus will provide a more detailed report on our PISA results at the Board meeting.
2. **Current Enrollment for Next Year (and Waitlist):** Below is a grade-by-grade count of currently enrolled students numbers for next school year. I also included the chart provided last month for reference purposes. We can discuss enrollment if/as needed.
3. **Student-Led Terra Luna Latching Recycle Bin Project:** On August 8, the City of Boise Parks and Recreation Department requested an order of 110 of the student-created latching recycle bins for installation in city parks throughout Boise. This is a great accomplishment for our students and school. I will provide additional details regarding the project at the meeting.
4. **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:** Per my email to the Board requesting available dates, we are working to finalize a date and format for an event celebrating the completion of our K-12 campus that will include many of our partners and supporters that helped us reach this milestone. I expect to have complete details ready for the Board at the meeting.

8-10-16 Sage Enrollment

	Enrolled	Waitlist	Waitlist	
K	81	173	FULL +1 (new staff student)	
First	76	133	4 OFFERS OUT	
Second	72	74	FULL	
Third	71	59	1 OFFER OUT	
Fourth	78	81	FULL	
Fifth	78	70	FULL	
Sixth	99	31	9 UP FROM BUDGET	
Seventh	88	52	2 OFFERS OUT	
Eighth	90	17	FULL	
Ninth	84	0	6 DOWN FROM BUDGET	
Tenth	77	0	3 DOWN FROM BUDGET	
Eleventh	66	0	4 DOWN FROM BUDGET	
Twelfth	31	0	1 UP FROM BUDGET	
TOTALS	991		7 offers out in 1st-7th	998 = Total once 1st-7th vacancies filled

7-14-16 Sage Enrollment (Last Month)

	Enrolled	Full	Over-Enrolled	Waitlist	
K Half Day	20	Yes	No	63	
K Full Day	60	Yes	No	108	
First	80	Yes	No	142	
Second	72	Yes	No	72	
Third	72	Yes	No	58	
Fourth	78	Yes	No	77	
Fifth	78	Yes	No	68	
Sixth	103	Yes	Yes - by 13	30	90 is target
Seventh	90	Yes	No	53	
Eighth	89	No	No	21	1 offer out to return to full
Ninth	90	Yes	No	2	90 is target - budgeted at 80
Tenth	88	Yes	No	0	Budgeted at 80
Eleventh	71	No	No	1	1 offer out - budgeted at 70
Twelfth	32	No	No	0	budgeted at 30
TOTAL	1023			695	

REVISIONS in the Idaho Special Education Manual (2016)

The *Idaho Special Education Manual (2016)* was presented by the Idaho State Department of Education (SDE) and adopted by the State Board of Education (SBOE) June 16, 2016. Revisions from the *2015 Manual* to the *2016 Manual* include:

- Removing reference to No Child Left Behind (NCLB) due to the passage of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA);
- Removing outdated references to psychosocial rehabilitation (PSR), as identified during public comment;
- Changing references to highly qualified teacher (HQT) to align with passage of ESSA (See *2015 Manual*, “Highly Qualified Special Education Teacher” section in Ch. 10 -- previously 3B, pgs. 160-162);
- Clarifying language regarding Idaho’s 10-day rule for parental objection to a district’s proposal for an Individual Educational Program and addressed in rule change: IDAPA 08.02.03.109a (See Ch. 5, Section J., pg. 99-100);
- Clarified language regarding school of attendance (See Ch. 6, Section 1B, 3, pg. 114)
- Adding additional resources to the Procedural Safeguards Notice and making the introduction more parent friendly (see Ch. 11, pg. 191) **NOTE:** The change is only a format change, and includes a revision of the parent introduction and resources. The 2014 of the Procedural Safeguards is still valid to use;
- Changing the manual to reflect federal guidance about mediation confidentiality agreements as addressed in rule change: IDAPA 08.02.03.109b (See Ch. 13, Section 3A, pg. 214), and replacing the *Mediation Confidentiality Agreement* with a *Notification of Mediation Confidentiality* (see Ch. 13, pg. 240);
- Clarifying that audio recordings will be made of Due Process Hearings, with transcripts for hearings available at district expense by parent request (See Ch. 13, Section 5.F.2.h., p. 227);
- Removed references to Appendices no longer attached to the manual; and
- Fixing typos throughout document.

Important Notice for LEA Adoption Requirements of Current Manual

Each district is required to adopt the current manual and submit assurance their board adopted the new manual as part of the IDEA Part B application. As part of the IDEA Part B application, districts should be able to provide evidence of their board’s decision in the form of minutes of the meeting in which the manual was adopted.

Public Comment:

Revisions within Idaho Education Rules, IDAPA 08.02.03.109, regarding Special Education were needed to adhere to federal regulations, as well as to clarify language and update the rules to reflect IDEA and current practice. Changes clarify the scope of the 10-day rule for objection to a

change in an individualized education program or placement (IDAPA 08.02.03.109.a) and align mediation procedures with federal regulations regarding not requiring a signed confidentiality agreement prior to mediation (IDAPA 08.02.03.109.b).

Negotiated rulemaking (**Docket No. 08-0203-1604**) was conducted on the revisions to rule regarding Special Education. In compliance with Section 67-5220, Idaho Code, notice was published in the Administrative Bulletin. In addition, notice was distributed through a press release and on the State Department of Education's (SDE) website. A draft of the rules, public comment forms, and links to an online survey were available through the SDE website. In addition, stakeholder groups, including the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) and the Directors Advisory Council (DAC), were notified of the intent by the SDE to promulgate rule. In April, six public meetings across the state were conducted expressly to receive comment. Two comments were received, both of which were considered and resulted in the modification of the manual.

1. A school district employee at the Idaho Falls public meeting asked how the recent change of the Highly Qualified Teacher status was going to be resolved. The Special Education Manual was modified in response to incorporate the policy change put forth from the Superintendent of Public Instruction SDE.
2. Through the online survey, one parent indicated the department's use of psychosocial rehabilitation was outdated. In response, the outdated term was removed from the manual.

Based on these results of the negotiated rulemaking process, the SDE forwarded the proposed *Idaho Special Education Manual* changes to the State Board of Education. A copy of the proposed changes to the *Idaho Special Education Manual* was posted online on June 6, 2016, for additional public comment 10 days by the State Board of Education. The changes were approved on June 16, 2016. The *2016 Idaho Special Education Manual* was posted on the SDE website on June 21, 2016, and replaces the earlier version.

2016 ISBA Annual Convention

AGENDA At A Glance

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Times:	Event:	Room(s):
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Open	Event Office
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Early Bird Workshops	Workshop Rooms
10:00 am – 5:30 pm	Scholarship Auction Donations and Preview	Meadow
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch / Opening Ceremonies / 1st General Session	Eagle
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Workshop Session 1	Workshop Rooms
3:00 pm – 4:15 pm	Workshop Session 2	Workshop Rooms
4:30 pm – 5:45 pm	Workshop Session 3	Workshop Rooms

No events this evening. Please enjoy dinner with your Board and other colleagues.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Times:	Event:	Room(s):
7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration Open	Event Office
7:00 am – 5:30 pm	Scholarship Auction Donation and Preview	Meadow
7:30 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast Buffet	Eagle
8:00 am – 9:45 am	2nd General Session & Student Entertainment	Eagle
9:45 am – 11:00 am	Workshop Session 4	Workshop Rooms
11:15 am – 2:15 pm	Exhibit Show	Falcon
11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Exhibit Show Luncheon	Falcon
11:30 am – 2:00 pm	Region Meetings	Willows, Pines, Firs, Cottonwoods
2:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Workshop Session 5	Workshop Rooms
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Workshop Session 6	Workshop Rooms
5:15 pm – 6:45 pm	Scholarship Auction	Hawk
6:45 pm – 7:00 pm	Networking Time	Meadow
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Awards Banquet with Dinner	Eagle

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Times:	Event:	Room(s):
7:15 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast Buffet	Meadow
7:15 am – 8:00 am	Student Entertainment	Eagle / Hawk
8:00 am - Conclusion	Business Session Boxed Lunches Provided	Eagle / Hawk