2016 Legislative Update

A summary of rule changes are attached to this email in the New Legislation 2016 Session document. There is additional information on the State Department of Education’s website that was presented at the Post-Legislative Tour. The link is as follows: http://www.sde.idaho.gov/topics/post-leg/.

For teacher certification rules, all changes were originally recommended by the Professional Standards Commission (PSC) as part of their review of professional standards for teachers, as stated in 33-1258, Idaho Code.

Each rule was submitted to the State Board of Education for approval as a proposed or temporary rule, made available for public comment, resubmitted for Board approval as a pending rule, and finally approved by the 2016 Legislature.

Teacher Preparation Standards, Certification, Endorsement, and Praxis exam changes will be updated on the SDE/PSC website by August 1, 2016.

Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel

The current Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel (i.e. Teacher Preparation Standards) will be posted to SDE/PSC website by August 1, 2016. http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/teacher_certification/accredited.htm

Changes were made to the following standards:

- Blended Early Childhood Education
- Blind and Visually Impaired
- Communication Arts Foundation
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Economics
- Geography
- Government/Civics
- Health
- History
- Journalism
- Physical Education
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker
- Social Studies Foundation
- Speech and Debate