



FY 19 Public Schools Budget Safety Supplemental

Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra’s FY 19 supplemental budget request of \$19.1 million funds the first year of the Keep Idaho Students Safe Initiative (KISS). It would be distributed to address four needs: \$18.5 million for local school safety grants; \$410,000 for startup costs of a required teacher safety course; \$200,000 for a statewide safety tip line; and \$38,900 for a state crisis communications counselor for half a year in the State Department of Education. The second year of KISS, shown below, in FY 20 includes \$200,000 for continuation of the tip line and \$1.4 million for the safety course.

FY 20 Public Schools Budget

Superintendent Ybarra’s FY 20 Public Schools Budget request (excluding Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind) seeks a general fund increase of about \$122 million or \$6.8% from FY 19. The request includes an increase of 3.5% in the operations funds provided per support unit or about \$221 per unit from \$27,481 to \$28,432.

Highlights: What’s different from FY 19?

Description	FY 19 Approp	FY 20 Request	\$ Change
Keep Idaho Students Safe – Year 2	\$19,110,000	\$1,600,000	-\$17,510,000
Career Ladder with rung base increase & benefits	\$904,436,000	\$985,183,100	\$80,747,100
*Master Educator Premium	N/A	\$11,959,000	\$11,959,000
Operations	\$421,530,200	\$442,401,900	\$20,871,700
*Advanced Opportunities	\$15,000,000	\$18,000,000	\$3,000,000
*Mastery-Based Education	\$1,400,000	\$2,800,000	\$1,400,000
*Technology	\$36,500,000	\$39,500,000	\$3,000,000
*Professional Development	\$21,550,000	\$23,550,000	\$2,000,000
Math initiative	\$1,817,800	\$2,927,900	\$1,110,100
Teacher Pipeline	N/A	\$980,000	\$980,000

Career Ladder: Striving for Competitive Educator Pay

The request includes the fifth year of funding for the Career Ladder and additional funding to move the ladder rungs to reach pay levels originally recommended by the Governor’s Task Force for Improving Education (K-12) \$40,000 for beginning teachers and \$58,000 for the most experienced. If approved, base ladder rungs would increase from 8.1% for the starting rung to a 16% for the top rung.

*Strategic Investments in Idaho’s Plan to Improve Education (K-12)

The request includes continued strategic investments in the state’s [plan to improve K-12 education](#) including: Master Educator Premiums for qualifying educators, Advanced Opportunities, mastery-based expansion, and professional development.

Teacher Pipeline: Partnerships for Rural Educator Preparation

This funding is for three new programs to help address the critical teacher shortage in Idaho’s rural schools and school districts including: Grow Your Own, Rural Teacher Fellowship, and Certification Retention Bonus.