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Idaho students invited to apply for superintendent's new Student Advisory Council

(BOISE) – Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra aims to get input and ideas from a broad range of Idaho students by forming a statewide student panel to advise her and the State Department of Education.

“Our students have so much to contribute to the shaping of education in Idaho, and I love every opportunity I have to interact with them and hear their insights,” Superintendent Ybarra said. “Now I am recruiting applicants from varied grade levels, backgrounds, interests, cultures, school sizes and parts of Idaho to serve on my Student Advisory Council.”

“Do you know a student who would love to have a direct role in improving education for students across the state and in the meantime gain important skills in leadership, public speaking, decision-making, team-building and networking? Please encourage them to apply.”

To find out more about the Student Advisory Council and to apply, [click on this link](#). The application period continues through June 25.

Questions student applicants are asked to answer include:

- “Describe a challenge facing students in school today. Do you have ideas to help with this issue?”
- “If you could change one physical element and one educational element at your school, what would they be? Why?”
- “What experience outside of school has influenced your views and/or attitude about education? In what way?”

Twelve student applicants will be chosen to serve on the Student Advisory Council, which will meet quarterly throughout the 2021-22 school year. Because of the pandemic, some meetings will be held virtually.

Applications must include a signed waiver by a parent or guardian, and students must be accompanied by an adult to Boise or alternate location for quarterly meetings. The state will provide a stipend to cover travel from home to the meeting location and reimbursement for meals and lodging, if applicable, according to Idaho state guidelines and rates.

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