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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