SDE adds finance information to online report card

(BOISE) – Idaho’s statewide report card for schools and districts now includes school level financial information, specifically per-pupil expenditures.

The addition of the financial information reflects data for the 2018-19 school year. It will be updated annually.

Per-pupil expenditures are calculated by dividing operating costs, -- including instruction, administration, instructional support, and operation and maintenance of facilities -- by total student enrollment. Expenditures are shown by funding source (state/local and federal), and users can compare per-pupil averages for school, district and state.

The Every Students Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires each state to report per-pupil spending to enable educators, community leaders and others to answer questions about performance, equity and how resources are allocated to meet student needs.

To find per-pupil spending, go to idahoschools.org, select the specific school or district you are interested in, then choose Finance from the Non-Academic Indicators. To view statewide information, type State of Idaho into the Finder on the report card homepage, or scroll to the bottom of any school or district page and select State Report.

The State Department of Education’s revamped K-12 report card, first unveiled in December 2018, also contains a wealth of data on student achievement and progress, enrollment, demographics, graduation rate, college and career readiness, teacher workforce and engagement. The focus of Idaho’s accountability plan is to support schools and students to achieve by celebrating success, measuring growth and partnering with local school leadership to identify specific supports and plans for improvement.

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