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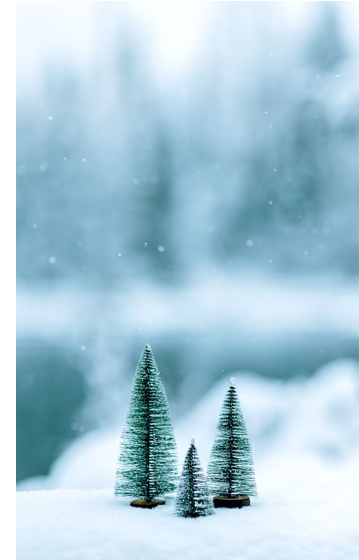
Agenda February 2026

- Congratulations, Celebrations, and Shout-Outs
- Recapping January's Session Survival Tips Presentation
- What's on your radar? Data Acquisition Calendar
- Housekeeping: Upcoming Grant Opportunities
- ESEA/ Federal Programs Updates
- Hot Topics, News, and Legislation: State Budget updates
- PD in 30: Inventory!



Celebrations & Shout-Outs

- Congratulations to Allison Burns of Blaine County School District as Idaho School Nurse of the Year!
- Thank you to Transportation Folks as part of [Love the Bus Month!](#)



Recapping Session Survival Tips

Helpful Links

- Where is the budget? <https://legislature.idaho.gov/lso/bpa/>
 - Write ups here: <https://legislature.idaho.gov/lso/bpa/pubs/lbb/>
- Where do I find proposed legislation?
<https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2026/legislation/>
- What legislation is up for vote soon?
 - Senate: <https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/agenda/scal/>
 - House: <https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/agenda/hcal/>
- What is being heard in the Committees today?
<https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/agenda/meeting-summary/>
- Who is my legislator?
<https://legislature.idaho.gov/legislators/whosmylegislator/>
- Where do I watch the votes?
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/Legislature/>

What's on Your Radar?



Data Acquisition Calendar March 2026

DUE DATE	TITLE	APPLIES TO	REQUIRED BY	DETAIL	DEPARTMENT	CONTACT 1	CONTACT 2
As of first Friday of March - Due with ISEE upload	Lunch Eligibility Report	Districts & Charters	Federal Regs. 7 CFR 210	Report provides information used in qualifying sites for other child nutrition programs and also education programs such as Title I funding and E-Rate. Reports enrollment and free and reduced student count for grades 1-12. Submit via ISEE upload.	Child Nutrition	Melissa Cook (208) 332-6830 Financial Specialist	Todd King (208) 332-6937 Education Data Systems Reporting Manager
03/01/26	Migrant Student Information System (MSIS) Data Reporting; Instructional Services, Supportive Services, Priority for Services and Continuation of Services	Districts & Charters	Federal Law ESSA	Required for Federal Reporting/Accountability/IC sub-allocation determination; Districts complete quarterly data verification in MSIS with Regional MEP Coordinator.	Federal Programs	Roberto Trinidad (208) 332-6958 Coordinator	
03/01/26	Migrant Student Information System (MSIS) Data Reporting verified up to date	Title 1-C Funded Districts & Charters	Federal Law ESSA	Required data up-to-date to use for Idaho formula for Title I-C Allocations for 2025-2026.	Federal Programs	Roberto Trinidad (208) 332-6958 Coordinator	
03/01/26	4/1/2025	Districts & Charters	State Law IC 33-2110	Four or Five Day School Week Survey	Public School Finance	Amber Worthington (208)332-3829 Financial Specialist	
03/07/26	CLDS Data Corrections	Districts & Charters	State Law IC 33-1001, 33-1004B, 33-1004D, and 33-1201A	Data corrections to the Career Ladder Data System (CLDS)	Federal Programs	Austin Kohout (208) 332-6900 Financial Specialist	
03/15/26	Backdated Recommendation for Professional and Advanced Professional Endorsement/ Backdated Form 10 for May 15th payment	Districts & Charters	State Law IC 33-1004B, 33-1201A, 33-1009(5)	Submission deadline for prior year/ backdated endorsement recommendations to professionalendorsements@sde.idaho.gov and prior year/ backdated Form 10 submissions to amccann@sde.idaho.gov	Public School Finance	Helen Henderson (208)332-6879	Alexandra McCann (208) 332-6845 Staffing Data Specialist
03/15/26	Form 10s for May 15th Payment	Districts & Charters	State Law IC 33-1004B	Final day to submit Form 10s to ensure they are included in the May 15th payment.	Public School Finance	Alexandra McCann (208) 332-6845 Staffing Data Specialist	
03/15/26	Form 6 and Virtual FTE Forms	Districts Only	State Law IC 33-1004	Final day for school districts with funding being "left on the table" due to "use it or lost it" to submit a Form 6 or Virtual FTE Report to potentially regain this funding as part of the May 15th Payment	Public School Finance	Alexandra McCann (208) 332-6845 Staffing Data Specialist	Ashley Pietras (208) 332-684 Financial Specialist

Housekeeping

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

- Blue Cross Foundation Grants up to \$50,000 for starting/expanding Healthcare CTE programs – **apply by March 2nd [here](#)**.
- English Learner Enhancement Grants up to \$65,000 for three year grants – **apply by March 2nd [here](#)**.
- CapEd Teacher of the Year nominations due **March 11th nominate an educator [here](#)**.
- Idaho Commission for Libraries School Library Access Mini-Grants up to \$5,000 due **March 13th Register [here](#)**.

Upcoming PD Opportunities

- Project ECHO School Nurse Training on **March 11th, Register [here](#)**.
- National Science Teaching Association National Conference held **April 15-18, Register [here](#)**.
- B.R.A.V.E. Institute Applications due **May 4th Register [here](#)**.
- Summer Externship Program for Grades 6 - 12 Educators with the Idaho STEM Action Center **Register [here](#)**.
- ProEthica free ethics training for superintendents and administrators – more information [here](#).

Upcoming Required Training – Summer Meals Program (SUN)

Who must attend:

- Returning SFSP sponsors and any eligible school districts interested in operating SUN Programs
- Eligible districts interested in operating Rural Non-Congregate service (SUN Meals-To-Go) must also attend a SUN Meals-To-Go training in addition to the annual training.

Times and Locations:

- Southwest Idaho: | Meridian: Dairy West
 - **February 24** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. MT
- The annual SUN Meals-To-Go training will be conducted virtually via Zoom:
 - **March 13** | 8 a.m. – noon M
 - **March 20** | noon – 4 p.m. MT

Special Education – Maintenance of Effort Training Opportunities

Budget season is upon us – time to review your Maintenance of Effort (MOE) to keep on target for the current year and strategize for FY2026-27.

Reminder: RIFs are not an allowable exception to reduce MOE

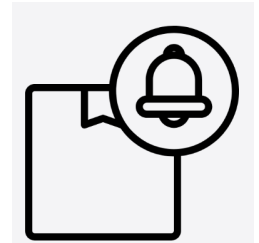


Training Opportunities:

- Special Ed Directors – Blue Jeans Conference Monday 2:30 MOE Session
- Business Managers – IASBO Conference Friday 8:30 MOE Session

Special Ed. Official Notifications of Noncompliance for General Supervision File Review

- As of February 14 – if LEAs did not correct prior year GSFR issues you have exceeded the 365 days under 34 CFR 300.149, 34 CFR 300.600-602
- Notifications of Noncompliance will go out this week from Jacque Hyatt
- GRA Claims will be held under enforcement actions
- Work with your SESTA Coordinator to correct noncompliance



Grant Reimbursement Application Manual – 2026 Update

- A new Grant Reimbursement Application Manual will be released on March 6th
- A Training/ Overview of the new Manual will be featured at the IASBO Conference on March 6th at 9:30am
- The new Manual contains
 - A navigation guide to the GRA
 - Expanded explanations of GRA claim requirements
 - Supporting documentation requirements
 - How-To guides to extract documentation from each of the major accounting systems in use by LEAs.
- The Manual will become the standard for GRA claims on **July 1st 2026**
- Training on the new standards will be provided on several occasions online in the months before the standards are adopted.

ESEA/ Federal Programs Updates

Austin Kohout
Financial Specialist, Principal

ESEA Waiver – Request for Comment

- The IDE is seeking a waiver from USED related to the carryover limit in Title I-A.
- This waiver would affect funds carried over into FY25-26, NOT FY26-27.
 - Another waiver for carryover into next year is in process.
- The comment period is open until March 6th
- Please leave a comment using [this link](#), or search for the email sent to Federal Program Directors on 2/18/26 by Michelle Perreira.
- For questions on this waiver, please feel free to reach out to Akohout@sde.idaho.gov or Mperreira@sde.idaho.gov

FY27 Federal Funding Data Collection for Charter Schools

- If you are a charter school administrator, you should have received an email from me (Akohout@sde.idaho.gov) asking you for student count data.
- This data must be collected from all Charters before March 13th 2026, or the Charter may be ineligible to receive federal funding during the 26-27 school year.
- You are asked for the number of students that attend your charter that reside within each Traditional LEA, and the number of each students from each Traditional LEA that are identified as low income.
- This data collection can be completed with the jotform linked [here](#)

Hot Topics, News, and Legislation

Rob Sepich,
Budget Director

State Budget Updates

- Current year School budget so far has remained untouched by JFAC.
 - Most other agencies had total of 4% FY 26 General Fund cut
 - Additionally, an ongoing 5% across the board cut was made for FY 27
 - Corrections, Medicaid, and K-12 were not cut
- Public Schools FY 27 budget will be set March 9th
 - JFAC live video feed can be found [here](#)

Some Bills of Interest

- [S1288](#) – High Needs Student Fund
 - Passed in Senate Education Committee unanimously yesterday!
- [H599](#) – Removes first come, first served language from the Digital Content and Curriculum Funding
- [H624](#) – Changes virtual education funding, including removing supplemental learning funds directly to parents, and other adjustments
- [H608](#) – Removes requirement to go out to bond again if you have already failed for Public Schools Facilities Cooperative Fund
- [H636](#) – Allows school districts to use School District Facilities Funds for lease purchase agreements if all bonds and levies paid off

Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) Incoming

Idaho has opted into allowing SGOs, and we expect to have additional information from US Treasury in 2027.

- Funds are donated to a chosen nonprofit SGO, who then offer scholarships to public or private school students to pay for various education costs.
- Source is individual tax-deductible donations of up to \$1,700 per person.
 - Reduces federal income taxes at 1:1 ratio
- Eligible students must be below 300% of local median income
- Funds may be eligible for fee-based tutoring, academic programs, or services for students with disabilities.

Federal Budget Update

- Congress passed U.S. Department of Education budget for the 2026 federal fiscal year through September 30, 2026, in line with previous funding:
- ESEA Title I: **\$20 million increase**, to total \$18.427 billion,
- IDEA Grants to States (Part B): **\$20 million increase**, to total \$14.234 billion,
- Rural Education: **\$5 million increase**, to total \$225 million,
- Head Start and Child Care Development Block Grants: **\$85 million increases** to each program,
- Education Innovation and Research: **\$24 million decrease**, to total \$235 million,
- Most other K-12 programs are level funded at FY 2025 funding levels
- We will receive preliminary allocations from USED (late March/early April). Federal Programs team is preparing for 2026-2027 CFSGA, CFSGA tour, and preliminary allocations.

PD in 30: Inventory!

Rob Sepich – Budget Director

A quick poll on Inventory, how are you tracking your assets?

What are Assets?

2 CFR 200.1 (Definitions) *Capital assets* means:

1. Tangible or intangible assets used in operations having a **useful life of more than one year which are capitalized** in accordance with GAAP. Capital assets include:
 - i. Land, buildings (facilities), equipment, and intellectual property (including software), whether acquired by purchase, construction, manufacture, exchange, **or through a lease** accounted for as financed purchase under Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards or a finance lease under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) standards; and
 - ii. Additions, improvements, modifications, replacements, rearrangements, reinstallations, renovations, or alterations to capital assets that materially increase their value or useful life (not ordinary repairs and maintenance).

Exemptions to Assets

2 CFR 200.1 (Definitions) *Capital assets* continued:

2. For purpose of this part, capital assets **do not include** intangible right-to-use assets (per GASB) and right-to-use operating lease assets (per FASB). For example, assets capitalized that recognize a lessee's right to control the use of property or equipment for a period of time under a lease contract. See § 200.465.

Equipment

2 CFR 200.1 (Definitions) *Equipment means:*

Tangible personal property (including IT systems) having a **useful life of more than one year** and a per-unit acquisition cost that **equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established** by the recipient or subrecipient for financial statement purposes, **or \$10,000**. See the definitions of *capital assets*, *computing devices*, *general purpose equipment*, *IT systems*, *special purpose equipment*, and *supplies* in this section.

Note on State Procurement Thresholds (How you buy it)

IDAPA 38.05.01 (Idaho Procurement Administrative Rule):

- No Micro Purchase Threshold for the State

041. ACQUISITION PROCEDURES.

Acquisition requirements shall not be artificially divided to avoid bid statutes, rules, or policies. The procedure followed for acquisitions shall be as follows: (7-1-25)

01. Small Purchases. (4-6-23)

a. Acquisitions of the following property are small purchases: (4-6-23)

i. Services with a total cost less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) (4-6-23)

ii. Software, regardless of the delivery method (e.g. on-premise, cloud, software as a service, etc.), with a total cost less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000); (4-6-23)

iii. Property, excluding services, with a total cost less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000); (4-6-23)

iv. A mix of property including services and other property, with a total cost less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). (4-6-23)

b. Small purchases do not require acquisition through competitive solicitation. Agencies must comply with the division's small purchase policy. Property available under single agency or open contracts shall be purchased under such contracts and are not a small purchase under this rule unless otherwise authorized by the administrator. (4-6-23)

State Higher Cost Procurement Thresholds

IDAPA 38.05.01 (Idaho Procurement Administrative Rule):

- 02. Informal Purchases.** (4-6-23)
 - a.** Acquisition of property with a total cost exceeding the dollar limits established in this rule for a small purchase and less than the formal sealed procedure limit are informal purchases. (4-6-23)
 - b.** Informal purchases may be made using: (4-6-23)
 - i.** An informal solicitation issued through e-procurement, unless exempted by the administrator; or (4-6-23)
 - ii.** The formal sealed procedure, when the purchasing authority makes a written determination that using a formal solicitation is in the best interest of the state, including where selection based solely on cost is not appropriate. (4-6-23)
 - c.** Agencies procuring property under this rule shall maintain a purchasing file containing: (4-6-23)
 - i.** The solicitation document posted and quotes received. If the acquisition was not publicly posted, the agency shall include a statement describing the justification for determining that posting was impractical or impossible, along with the administrator's authorization. (7-1-25)
 - ii.** If not using e-procurement, the agency shall document the quotes received (or its attempt to obtain quotes) from at least three (3) vendors having a significant Idaho economic presence as defined in Section 67-2349, Idaho Code. (4-6-23)
- 03. Formal Sealed Procedure.** (4-6-23)
 - a.** The sealed procedure limit is one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000). (4-6-23)
 - b.** Purchases of property in excess of the sealed procedure limit are made using the formal sealed procedure, unless exempted by these rules or the administrator. (4-6-23)

Note on Federal Micro-Purchase Thresholds

- General Federal FAR micro-purchase threshold is \$15,000, however there are some exceptions to note on a grant-by-grant basis.
- 2 CFR 200.439 requires that the purchase of any capital asset with federal funds must be preceded by written approval from the state department
 - i. Child Nutrition has a \$10,000 threshold for contracts with Food Service Management Companies (FSMCs) and all capital expenditures
 - ii. IDEA Part B has a \$10,000 threshold under 34 CFR § 300.718 for all capital expenditures
 - iii. Check to ensure that the CFSGA budget line has an appropriate Capital Expense Form completed before requesting reimbursement
- When in doubt on purchasing equipment with grant funds, please ask!

What is your Capitalization Threshold (How you track it)?

- Each LEA is responsible for setting their own capitalization threshold for equipment as long as it is equal to or more restrictive (less) than the federal \$10,000 threshold.
 - i. You can set a \$1,000 threshold, most equipment purchases \$999 or less would not require inventory
 - Unless small, desirable, or easily pilferable ([Section 67-5746, Idaho Code](#))

Inventory, Assets, and You – Fed Version (b & c)

2 CFR 200.313 (Equipment) requires tracking of assets. For non-state entities, check paragraphs (b)-(e)

- Feds require equipment purchased (in whole or in part) with federal funds to stay in originally authorized purpose through the period of performance.
- (b) *General*: points to state laws and procedures
- (c) *Use*: can be for other federal work once it has met its original use/need

Inventory, Assets, and You – Fed Version (d)

2 CFR 200.313 (Equipment):

- (d) *Management Requirements*: must maintain property records:
 - Physical inventory must be reconciled **at least once every two years**,
 - internal controls to prevent theft, damage, or loss,
 - proper maintenance,
 - serial number,
 - source of funding,
 - title holder,
 - acquisition date,
 - cost of property,
 - **% paid with federal funds**,
 - location,
 - use of property

Inventory, Assets, and You – State Version

- [Section 67-5746, Idaho Code](#), provides much of the state law regarding equipment.
- Requires **annual inventory** of all assets and equipment.
- Requires recording at a minimum:
 - a description of the property,
 - where (it is) located
 - acquisition cost or estimated fair market value,
 - date of acquisition,
 - Item's estimated current replacement cost, and
 - the account or unit within the responsible agency.
 - Each agency may add additional functions beyond these minimums to meet their agency requirements.
 - Recommend adding all of the required federal items from previous slide

Tag, Tag, Tag

- Ensure that your items do not wander off, and that your asset tags are not easy to remove
- Have a process for replacing missing or damaged tags
- If moving between locations, it helps to have documentation of who was responsible for the hand off and that it was received
 - Especially important if using grant funded equipment for other programs due to use preference going to the purchasing fund source
- Document additions or dispositions in the same system/process so that everything is easily auditable
- Some equipment like computers should be tagged as equipment even if they are less than the capitalization threshold.

Asset Disposition

2 CFR 200.313 (Equipment):

- (e) *Disposition*: entity may request to dispose of or use the equipment for other interests with approval of federal entity, or:
 - If fair market value is less than or equal to \$10,000
 - Transfer title to the feds or another entity (may require sharing proceeds of sale)

- Section 67-5722, Idaho Code, requires the use of your documented (written) policies that are in line with state requirements for disposal of property.

Surplus Assets

- State Surplus Property Policy and Procedures outline how unneeded assets be made available through:
 - Sale to another state, local, or federal public entity without advertisement
 - Sell at public auction after advertising sale for at least two weeks
 - Transfer to another state, local, or federal public entity (does not require a public advertisement)
 - May also go to 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) entities
 - Recycle
 - Discard

State Surplus Assets

- The State of Idaho requires under [Section 67-5722, Idaho Code](#), that unneeded assets be made available to other units of government through the surplus process.
- Check [here](#) for available state assets for donation, transfer, or sale.
- These items go to public auction if they are not acquired by public entities by the end of the posting period.

Item Description	Offering Agency	Begin Date	End Date	Condition	Estimated Value	📍 Location (City)
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17' GRUMMAN ALUMINUM CANOE W/ 2 WOOD PADDLES	513:IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY	2/11/2026	2/25/2026	Good	\$400.00	POCATELLO
17' BLUE OLD TOWN CANOE	513:IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY	2/11/2026	2/25/2026	Good	\$500.00	POCATELLO
17' RED DAGGER CANOE	513:IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY	2/11/2026	2/25/2026	Excellent	\$500.00	POCATELLO
RALEIGH MOJAVE 29 BIKE	513:IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY	2/11/2026	2/25/2026	Repairable	\$5.00	POCATELLO



Thank you!

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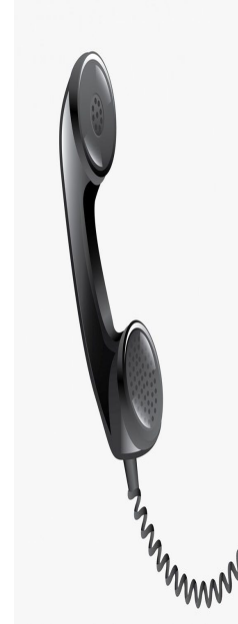
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