COMMUNICATION

Communications & Community Relations Report

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Monthly Communications Insights



Facebook continues to be the most effective social media tool to reach our audience







Top Performing Posts

February 9, 2024 through March 8, 2024





Spark a lifetime of learning: Online registration for kindergarten opens March 15 It is never too early to spark a passion for learning. PCSD 25 offers full-day kindergarten with a strong academic focus and standards-based learning opportunities. School District 25 offers state-certified classroom teachers and highly qualified paraprofessionals in every classroom, building a solid foundation for future success, growth, and achievement.

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year for the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District 25 will begin online starting March 15. To register online, parents may visit <u>www.sd25.us/register</u> and follow the prompts. To complete the registration process, parents should take their child to their neighborhood school on March 28 between 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to finalize paperwork and complete a kindergarten screener.

Watch the video story

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Headlines of Interest



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<u>A bond in limbo: Pocatello hopes state money will rebuild</u> <u>burned school instead</u>

<u>Flagged hazards went unaddressed before Highland Fire - a</u> <u>common occurrence in Idaho schools</u>

<u>Julian Bowie's incredible fourth quarter leads Pocatello to first</u> <u>4A championship since 2000</u>

<u>Spark a lifetime of learning: Online registration for kindergarten opens</u> <u>March 15</u>

Highland Cheerleaders win state championship

Local parents raise concerns over District's Individualized Education Plans

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Local teen launches petition against bill allowing school staff to carry guns, encourages others to find their voice

<u>New 6th to 12th grade career technical charter school opening in</u> <u>Idaho Falls 2024</u>

How high school grades have inflated since 2010

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Local State Representative Hopes Bill that Passed the House will Help Rebuild Highland High School

Bill would block schools from touting tax relief

<u>School facilities bill advances. Here's what it would do for various</u> <u>districts</u>

<u>State Representative Dustin Manwaring says Idaho sends strong</u> <u>message in signing House Bill 406 into law</u>

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<u>Several local school districts canceling all Monday</u> <u>classes due to snow conditions, power outages</u>

Pocatello library gets new children's exploration center

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Bill proposes jail-time for public school employees if in possession of banned books <u>https://www.hjnews.com/news/local/bill-proposes-jail-time-for-public-school-employees-if-in-possession-of-banned-books/article_97c2f602-c204-11ee-9377-8fc967c1ad48.html</u>

Idaho election bills move forward in Senate Committee

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Pocatello trustees urged to "speed up" decisions on Highland rebuild

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Budgeting is hard. This year, it could be tougher than ever

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A 'combination' library bill emerges

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State plan to fund school facilities introduced

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Idaho lawmakers again pushing bill targeting libraries <u>https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/harmful-materials-in-idaho-libraries-bills-brought-back/article_c4b51f02-459c-5261-bac6-60079be840c5.html</u>

Idaho House approves gender definitions bill that states there are 'only two sexes' <u>https://www.ktvb.com/article/news/local/idaho-press/idaho-house-approves-gender-definitions-bill-</u>states-only-two-sexes/277-9e91ca3c-c864-410a-b835-dc44138d313e

Pocatello girl's basketball ushers in new era with back-to-back district championships <u>https://www.idahostatejournal.com/sports/pocatello-girls-basketball-ushers-in-new-era-with-back-to-back-district-championships/article_7146e93e-c709-11ee-a6dd-c722a8652aa7.html</u>

House passes education 'maintenance' budgets <u>https://www.idahoednews.org/news/statehouse-roundup-2-9-24-house-passes-education-</u> maintenance-budgets/

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Property taxpayers will have to foot the bill for the 'school choice' scheme

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Despite opposition, latest library bill heads to Senate floor

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Post Falls school offers therapeutic methods for struggling students

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D91 reopening 2 schools after police investigation into neighborhood shooting early Monday morning https://localnews8.com/news/local-news/2024/02/12/d91-reopening-two-schools-after-policeinvestigation-into-neighborhood-shooting-early-monday-morning/?utm_campaign=sndautopilot&fbclid=IwAR3Esgnf5xcNbXesv-eJrrvgc6UT0TONIqpMD4X0DGA8ZtgfNqv0wZjngmk

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Book banning protesters speak out before West Ada board meeting

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Kuna trustees agreed to ask voters for a \$5.3 million levy

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NIC gets a breather in accreditation struggle

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Kuna superintendent takes administrative job with Boise schools <u>https://www.idahoednews.org/news/kuna-superintendent-wendy-johnson-takes-administrative-job-with-boise-schools/</u>

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School choice proponent appointed to committee that's weighing school choice bill <u>https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/judy-boyle-appointed-to-committee-thats-weighing-school-</u>choice-bill/

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https://www.idahoednews.org/news/statehouse-roundup-2-16-24-bill-taking-on-pronoun-use-inschools-advances/

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Governor's tax relief causes concern for charter facility funding https://www.idahoednews.org/news/governors-tax-relief-causes-concern-for-charter-facility-funding/

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Bill on immunization opt-outs heads to House

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School leaders back \$2 billion facilities bill but 'temper expectations' <u>https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/statehouse-roundup-2-20-24-school-leaders-back-2-billion-facilities-bill-but-temper-expectations/</u>

Average principal pay nears \$100,000, while charter directors earn just over that <u>https://www.idahoednews.org/news/average-principal-pay-nears-100000-while-charter-directors-earn-just-over-that/</u>

D91's amended budget is nearly \$11 million more than original budget <u>https://localnews8.com/news/2024/02/20/update-d91-proposed-amended-budget-</u> <u>amounts/?utm_campaign=snd-</u> autopilot&fbclid=IwAR2YHmjZjHNQhF2LFL14et FG mEFW6nQoux4oM4w-r-zFcNInLtrhT36eQ

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Constitutional amendment would lower school bond threshold <u>https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/statehouse-roundup-2-21-24-constitutional-amendment-</u> would-lower-school-bond-threshold/

Oppenheimer to step down from AEYC, Boise school board https://www.idahoednews.org/news/oppenheimer-steps-down-from-aeyc-boise-school-board/

Compass Academy school administrator wins Milken Educator Award https://www.kpvi.com/news/local_news/compass-academy-school-administrator-wins-milkeneducator-award/article_2fa6947e-d14b-11ee-9722-2be6282817b6.html?utm_campaign=blox&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&fbclid=IwAROV SuNfj7evHWGAOthIZ2zbsu5VShHYvd5E4kwMibZq1z02z17o5-wXtpM How high school grades have inflated since 2010

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New 6th to 12th grade career technical charter school opening in Idaho Falls 2024

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Idaho governor expands fentanyl initiative to include human trafficking

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Idaho School Funding Bill heads to the House floor <u>https://www.kpvi.com/news/local_news/idaho-schools-funding-bill-heads-to-the-house-floor/article_e427eb94-d19d-11ee-8ea9-</u> <u>1b361c164638.html?utm_campaign=blox&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&fbclid=IwAR3t</u> <u>3_ytzNCuaFaHT20yYVTIgui9MMNavzosfJsDL--Hknwenox5z_3yH-w</u>

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Middle and high school students get hands-on STEM learning at ISU

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Salmon superintendent quits, teacher takes over as district prepares to run a bond <u>https://www.idahoednews.org/news/salmon-superintendent-quits-teacher-takes-over-as-district-prepares-to-run-a-bond/</u>

House approves sweeping school facilities plan <u>https://www.idahoednews.org/state-policy/statehouse-roundup-2-23-24-house-approves-sweeping-school-facilities-plan/</u>

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Pocatello library to open hands-on exploration center for children

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Local teen launches petition against bill allowing school staff to carry guns, encourages others to find their voice <u>https://www.eastidahonews.com/2024/02/local-teen-launches-petition-against-bill-allowing-school-staff-to-carry-guns-encourages-others-to-find-their-voice/?fbclid=lwAR1On90PajEtxSuZqDApr67V90123mcS1qniJ90puYQhhbyvJKrHKjocOZY</u>

Hillcrest high schooler receives Congressional App Challenge Award

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Do math. Save a life: Students analyze crash data in new curriculum <u>https://www.eastidahonews.com/2024/02/do-math-save-a-life-students-analyze-crash-data-in-new-</u> <u>curriculum/?fbclid=IwAR0h9tKcpUwKzzN5cilGwytrmZX8qCcgjGySljrpCnHbN47ntb6Gv0eKQCM</u>

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ISU 'on track' to address budget deficit, says new president

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University presidents ask lawmakers to fully fund employee pay <u>https://www.idahoednews.org/news/statehouse-roundup-2-27-24-university-presidents-ask-lawmakers-to-fully-fund-employee-pay/</u>

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Charter law promises innovation and school choice <u>https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/charter-law-promises-innovation-and-school-choice/</u>

An increasing number of co-ops provide services to homeschool families <u>https://www.idahoednews.org/west-idaho/an-increasing-number-of-co-ops-provide-services-to-homeschool-families/</u>

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