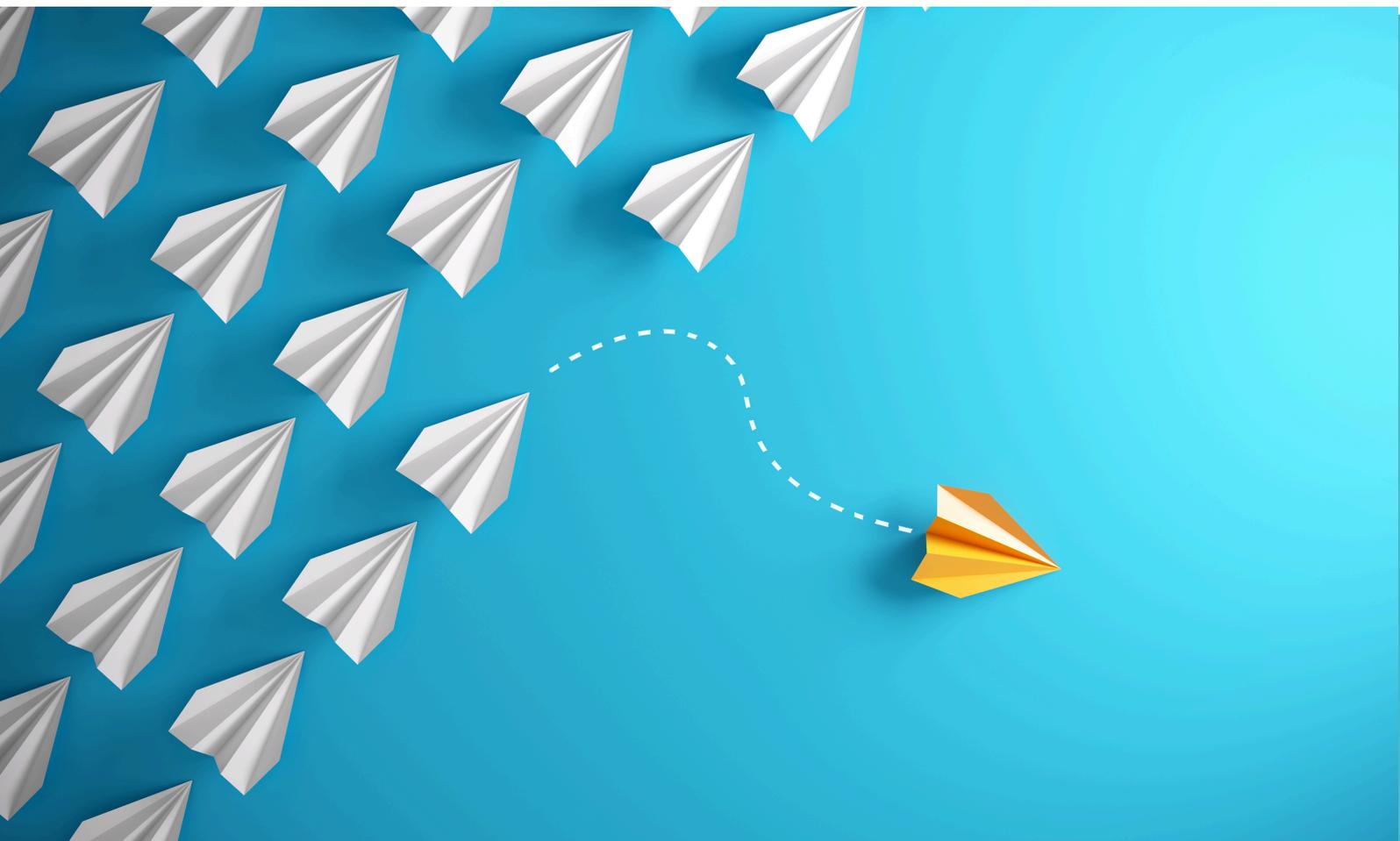
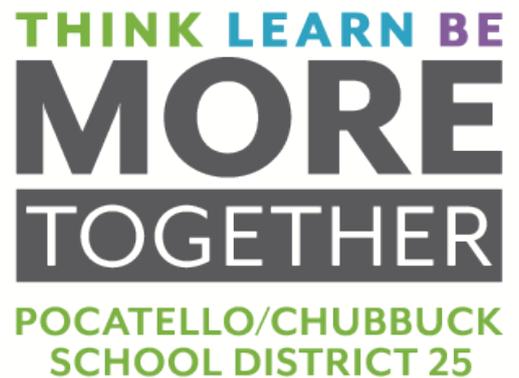


# Communications & Community Relations Report

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# Monthly Communications Insights

## PCSD 25 Social Media At a Glance

*As of April 11, 2025*



Followers

**12,345**



Followers

**1,435**



Subscribers

**618**



Followers

**466**

## YouTube joins Facebook as most effective social media tools to reach our audience

YouTube | 1,275 total views | 7,080 minutes watched | [Most watched video](#)



**367,325**

Views



**52,070**

Reach



**6,785**

Interactions



**35**

Net Follows



**11h 8m**

Watch Time

## Livestreams

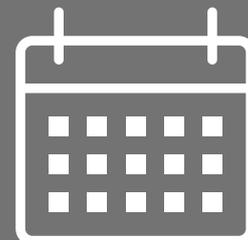


**May 14, 2025**  
**Board Special Meeting**  
 80 views

**May 13, 2025**  
**Board Work Session**  
 120 views

**April 22, 2025**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
 94 views

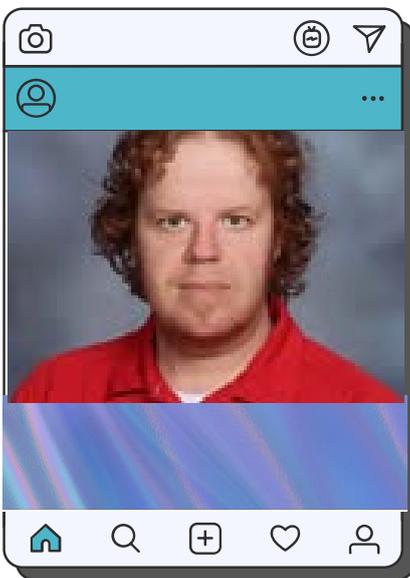
**April 15, 2025**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
 201 views



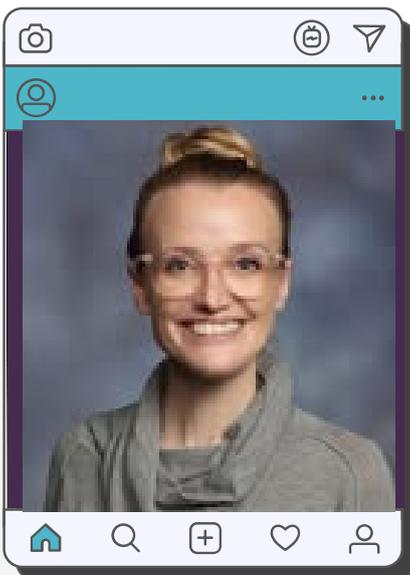
**May 7-8, 2025**  
**Negotiations**  
 11 streams with  
 average of 99 views

# Top Performing Posts

Top Content By Views: Last 28 Days



Views 29,197  
Reach 20,034  
Interactions 191  
Shares 11



Views 27,368  
Reach 18,796  
Interactions 286

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**April 4, 2025**

Join us in celebrating an outstanding educator!

We're proud to announce that William Hawk, Science teacher at Irving Middle School, has been named a finalist for the Simplot Inspirational Teacher of the Year!

[Read the full post](#)

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**May 8, 2025**

Join us in celebrating an outstanding educator!

We're proud to announce that Sheena Phelps, 5th grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, has been named a finalist for the Simplot Inspirational Teacher of the Year!

[Read the full post](#)

# Most Watched Video

Top Content By Views: Last 28 Days

## YouTube joins Facebook as most effective social media tools to reach our audience

YouTube | 1,275 total views | 7,080 minutes watched |

### ANALYTICS

Views	409
Duration	0:49
Watch Time	.9 hours
Engaged Views	59
Stayed to Watch	9.3%





# 2025 Simplot Inspirational Teachers of the Year

🎉 Celebrating Excellence in Education! 🎉

Join us in honoring the incredible achievements of Ray Drysdale, David Beckstead, and Mick Morgan, who have been named the 2025 Simplot Inspirational Teachers of the Year!

Now in its 32nd year, the Simplot Education Council reviewed an impressive 2,617 nominations recognizing 402 exceptional educators across our community. From this outstanding group, 15 finalists were awarded commendations and a \$100 prize, while our three inspirational winners each received a \$500 award for their exemplary dedication and impact.

☀️ Let's give a standing ovation to all the remarkable educators of PCSD 25 for their innovative teaching, passionate leadership, and unwavering commitment to student success. You make a difference every day!



## 2025 SIMPLOT

## INSPIRATIONAL

## TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



Ray Drysdale

Social Studies Teacher  
Pocatello High School



David Beckstead

Band Teacher  
Irving Middle School



Mick Morgan

Fourth Grade Teacher  
Jefferson Elementary School

# ISBA Slate Contest Winners

Four students from the Pocatello Chubbuck School District were winners of ISBA's Spring SLATE magazine contest. Below is the list of students and their grades:

## ELEMENTARY WINNERS



**Aanjaneya Fritz**  
Bonneville School District  
5th Grade  
Tiebreaker Elementary School



**Lhiam Carpenter**  
Pocatello/Chubbuck SD  
6th Grade  
Hawthorne Middle School

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# SLATE

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## ISBA STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

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### Small Acts, Big Impact

**SLATE Cover Photo:**  
Overall Winner - Samantha Wilson  
West Ada School District

**In This Issue:**

- Your Advocate at the Table
- Telling Our Story
- Idaho Campus Choice
- Generative AI Tools
- ISBA Job Center Services

Lhiam Carpenter  
*6<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Brielle Anderson  
*7th Grade*

Marley Flahaut  
*8th Grade*

Kyrsten Williams  
*8th Grade*

## STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST / WINNERS

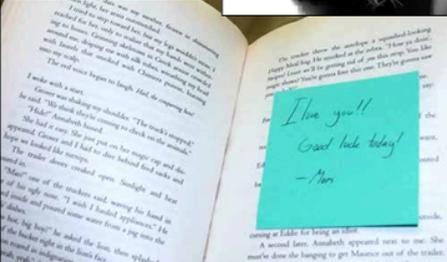
### MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNERS



**Brielle Anderson**  
Pocatello/Chubbuck SD  
7th Grade  
Hawthorne Middle School



**Marley Flahaut**  
Pocatello/Chubbuck SD  
8th Grade  
Hawthorne Middle School



**Kyrsten Williams**  
Pocatello/Chubbuck SD  
8th Grade  
Hawthorne Middle School

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# EVERY DAY MATTERS... *And It's Showing!*

THINK LEARN BE  
**MORE**  
**TOGETHER**  
POCATELLO/CHUBBUCK  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 25

Every Day Matters - Pocatello-Chubbuck School District  
25  
sd25.us

*Every Day Matters!*

**FINISH STRONG**  
WITH GREAT ATTENDANCE!

Let's end the year on a high note, because  
Every Day Matters—right to the end!

*The end of the school year is near, but every day still counts!  
Encourage your child to be "On Time, In School, Every Day."  
Help them finish strong by maintaining routines and  
scheduling extended trips after school is out. If your child has  
to miss school, ask the teacher for ways to catch up.*

THINK LEARN BE  
**MORE**  
**TOGETHER**  
POCATELLO/CHUBBUCK  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 25

*On Time, In School, Every Day!*

## FEWER MISSED DAYS, MORE LEARNERS ENGAGED

- Chronic absenteeism fell by 2% this year—a fourfold improvement over last year's 0.5% gain.
- 234 more learners achieved regular attendance status—demonstrating meaningful progress and growing momentum.
- Truancy incidents dropped by 50%—a clear sign that our efforts to engage and support learners are working.

## NEXT STEPS: BUILDING MOMENTUM FOR 2025–2026

- Integrate 2025–2026 Campaign Messaging
  - Fold key attendance and engagement themes into the next phase of the You Belong Here campaign—ensuring consistency and reinforcing belonging and presence at every level.
- Design and Distribute Visual Reminders
- Launch updated magnets and other branded materials to reinforce daily attendance and positive school culture in homes and community spaces.
- Embed Messaging in School Newsletters
- Collaborate with school sites to include brief, aligned messaging in school newsletters—helping parents and caregivers see how Every Day Matters in their learner's journey.
- Strengthen School-Level Communication Support
- Expand tools, templates, and training for school leaders and office staff to support consistent, effective site-based communication—ensuring the message is clear and shared widely.



🎉 We did it! Idaho Gives 2025 was a huge success! Thanks to the incredible generosity of 54 amazing employee donors and outside supporters, we raised a total of \$12,741.00 for our learners and families!

- 🌟 16 new payroll deductions
- 🌟 18 increased donations
- 🌟 20 one-time donations
- 🌟 Monthly payroll deductions increased from \$1,067.04 to \$1,575.54!

And, with Lookout Credit Union's match, our impact doubled! ❤️

"We are honored to partner with SD25 in supporting local education. Seeing our community come together to uplift our learners is what makes initiatives like Idaho Gives truly special," shared B.J. Fillingame, Lookout Credit Union's Vice President of Marketing.

💡 **Where does the money go?** Funds raised through Idaho Gives will be used to empower teaching and learning in the classroom through Classroom Innovation Grants! These grants help our educators bring creative ideas to life, providing learners with hands-on experiences, cutting-edge technology, and new learning materials that enhance education.

# IHSAA 2025 Spring Sports Academic State Champions

*Six PCSD 25 teams added to strong legacy of PCSD 25 academic state champions*

6A Boys Track - Highland High School (3.858)

5A Boys Track - Century High School (3.730)

5A Girls Track - Pocatello High School (3.880)

5A Softball - Century High School (3.850)

5A Boys Tennis - Century High School (3.942)

6A Girls Tennis - Highland High School (3.983)

**42**

***PCSD 25 academic state champions  
since 2019***

**April 10, 2025**

Five years after COVID first hit, how has it shaped health care and education in Idaho?

[https://www.idahopress.com/news/local/five-years-after-covid-first-hit-how-has-it-shaped-health-care-and-education-in/article\\_8f00d29c-5af3-4db2-84cb-2dd0aca2148b.html](https://www.idahopress.com/news/local/five-years-after-covid-first-hit-how-has-it-shaped-health-care-and-education-in/article_8f00d29c-5af3-4db2-84cb-2dd0aca2148b.html)

Boise School District releases findings of investigation into child abuse incidents at Valley View Elementary

<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/boise-school-district-releases-findings-of-investigation-into-child-abuse-incident-at-valley-view-elementary/>

A bad session for higher education, and it could have been worse

<https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/analysis-a-bad-session-for-higher-education-and-it-could-have-been-worse/>

**April 11, 2025**

Lakeland leaders talk up the positives ahead of May levy vote

<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/lakeland-leaders-talk-up-the-positives-ahead-of-may-levy-vote/>

**April 12, 2025**

GAP supports and mentors kids through art

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/opinion/columns/opinion-gap-supports-and-mentors-kids-through-art/article\\_e1222023-9687-4969-8cf8-d4f066de3b0a.html](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/opinion/columns/opinion-gap-supports-and-mentors-kids-through-art/article_e1222023-9687-4969-8cf8-d4f066de3b0a.html)

Idaho now has a powerful mini-legislature within its official Legislature

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/freeaccess/opinion-idaho-now-has-a-powerful-mini-legislature-within-its-official-legislature/article\\_a65e5638-4b49-4401-945a-5b61e92bca11.html](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/freeaccess/opinion-idaho-now-has-a-powerful-mini-legislature-within-its-official-legislature/article_a65e5638-4b49-4401-945a-5b61e92bca11.html)

A very special bill

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/opinion/columns/opinion-a-very-special-bill/article\\_dd11a3fd-d7e8-42be-94c3-0ee58327fcb9.html](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/opinion/columns/opinion-a-very-special-bill/article_dd11a3fd-d7e8-42be-94c3-0ee58327fcb9.html)

Haven't heard the last

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/freeaccess/opinion-havent-heard-the-last/article\\_a89673f7-05f3-42d1-825c-2e725cdebcc9.html](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/freeaccess/opinion-havent-heard-the-last/article_a89673f7-05f3-42d1-825c-2e725cdebcc9.html)

Idaho wraps up a monumentally successful legislative session

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/freeaccess/opinion-idaho-wraps-up-a-monumentally-successful-legislative-session/article\\_94cf675d-ae42-414b-871f-ec69788b44d6.html](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/freeaccess/opinion-idaho-wraps-up-a-monumentally-successful-legislative-session/article_94cf675d-ae42-414b-871f-ec69788b44d6.html)

**April 13, 2025**

An Idaho teacher was accused of sexual assault. 2 more students came forward

[https://www.eastidahonews.com/2025/04/an-idaho-teacher-was-accused-of-sexual-assault-2-more-students-came-forward/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJraOZleHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHogZs9hpQNro7KhS38pD2m2toz0tZGlnWlqQpQfruAMuqzNq6dKqXxCBgUn\\_aem\\_JktxsimyWm4cku82AxsoA](https://www.eastidahonews.com/2025/04/an-idaho-teacher-was-accused-of-sexual-assault-2-more-students-came-forward/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJraOZleHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHogZs9hpQNro7KhS38pD2m2toz0tZGlnWlqQpQfruAMuqzNq6dKqXxCBgUn_aem_JktxsimyWm4cku82AxsoA)

Legislative leaders create 'DOGE' task force for Idaho

[https://www.kpvi.com/news/regional\\_news/idaho-gop-leaders-announce-new-doge-task-force/article\\_ed2fe568-b65d-5ef5-a8d9-866e488bbc6e.html](https://www.kpvi.com/news/regional_news/idaho-gop-leaders-announce-new-doge-task-force/article_ed2fe568-b65d-5ef5-a8d9-866e488bbc6e.html)

#### **April 14, 2025**

Governor signs off on Empowering Parents repeal

<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/governor-signs-off-on-empowering-parents-repeal/>

Teachers at the oldest school in southeast Idaho want your help documenting its history

[https://www.eastidahonews.com/2025/04/teachers-at-the-oldest-school-in-southeast-idaho-want-your-help-documenting-its-history/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJrp1tleHRuA2FlbQlXMQABHgphOdCOJIBzKbF5Payil\\_ukXmifcAT08kS4c5PfkJlx1vJLrDQa4tTiozi2\\_aem\\_crwQg\\_4gt0fzKV4EudZY1A](https://www.eastidahonews.com/2025/04/teachers-at-the-oldest-school-in-southeast-idaho-want-your-help-documenting-its-history/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJrp1tleHRuA2FlbQlXMQABHgphOdCOJIBzKbF5Payil_ukXmifcAT08kS4c5PfkJlx1vJLrDQa4tTiozi2_aem_crwQg_4gt0fzKV4EudZY1A)

#### **April 15, 2025**

West Ada trustees share their individual views on 'everyone is welcome' controversy

[https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/west-ada-trustees-share-different-views-on-everyone-is-welcome-controversy/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJrIUZleHRuA2FlbQlXMQABHkx6q9VGpHUjpkhe7hWd4whO7zSiOhwCkLBmI37QL1zv64J9mQmka3q1jRhH\\_aem\\_wmiwxSE1dxftJi7I9zflRg](https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/west-ada-trustees-share-different-views-on-everyone-is-welcome-controversy/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJrIUZleHRuA2FlbQlXMQABHkx6q9VGpHUjpkhe7hWd4whO7zSiOhwCkLBmI37QL1zv64J9mQmka3q1jRhH_aem_wmiwxSE1dxftJi7I9zflRg)

State disciplines two teachers for inappropriate relationships with students

<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/state-disciplines-two-teachers-for-inappropriate-relationships-with-students/>

#### **April 16, 2025**

St. Maries School District will allow staff to carry concealed firearms

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/st-maries-school-district-will-allow-staff-to-carry-concealed-firearms/article\\_9e5dee7d-7c32-41f5-bac0-0a4f066ae1e7.html?utm\\_source=idahostatejournal.com&utm\\_campaign=morning-headlines&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=headline](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/st-maries-school-district-will-allow-staff-to-carry-concealed-firearms/article_9e5dee7d-7c32-41f5-bac0-0a4f066ae1e7.html?utm_source=idahostatejournal.com&utm_campaign=morning-headlines&utm_medium=email&utm_content=headline)

A long trend: How the Idaho Legislature has removed local governments' powers

<https://www.eastidahonews.com/2025/04/a-long-trend-how-the-idaho-legislature-has-removed-local-governments-powers/>

Irving Middle School to celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/irving-middle-school-to-celebrate-its-100th-birthday-in-april/article\\_3349126c-9178-11ef-8bc7-7fc90f322792.html](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/irving-middle-school-to-celebrate-its-100th-birthday-in-april/article_3349126c-9178-11ef-8bc7-7fc90f322792.html)

In Nampa, turmoil gives way to optimism

<https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/i-think-we-all-knew-this-year-was-going-to-be-rough-in-nampa-turmoil-gives-way-to-optimism/>

**April 17, 2025**

An active shooter has been reported at FSU in Tallahassee

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/live-blog/florida-state-university-active-shooter-rcna201756>

Pocatello AD to retire

[https://www.kpvi.com/sports/poky-ad-to-retire-successor-named/article\\_42c898aa-fae9-4136-8969-1a1780ff22d5.html?utm\\_campaign=blox&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&fbclid=IwY2xjaWJuVitleHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHuvxQMd\\_ptcnRAep\\_BLgrLxICAJnUVCCGKSkIB-xVN9BPc0pR06FDV0hZyJF\\_aem\\_XDwprdD2LKcduDbNeTIWgww](https://www.kpvi.com/sports/poky-ad-to-retire-successor-named/article_42c898aa-fae9-4136-8969-1a1780ff22d5.html?utm_campaign=blox&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&fbclid=IwY2xjaWJuVitleHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHuvxQMd_ptcnRAep_BLgrLxICAJnUVCCGKSkIB-xVN9BPc0pR06FDV0hZyJF_aem_XDwprdD2LKcduDbNeTIWgww)

State considers ways to strengthen \$24.5 million dual enrollment

<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/state-considers-ways-to-strengthen-24-5-million-dual-enrollment-program-train-teachers-on-ai/>

Critchfield launches parent partner pilot program to support special ed families

<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/critchfield-launches-parent-partner-pilot-program-to-support-special-ed-families/>

School behavior interventionist named as District 25's Employee-of-the-Month

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/community/school-behavior-interventionist-named-as-district-25s-employee-of-the-month/article\\_794e9b22-992c-4ef3-aeb4-4820297d2527.html](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/community/school-behavior-interventionist-named-as-district-25s-employee-of-the-month/article_794e9b22-992c-4ef3-aeb4-4820297d2527.html)

April C.A.K.E. Award recipients announced

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/community/april-c-a-k-e-award-recipients-announced/article\\_c0065605-c60d-49ef-ae70-6507a70524a6.html](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/community/april-c-a-k-e-award-recipients-announced/article_c0065605-c60d-49ef-ae70-6507a70524a6.html)

**April 18, 2025**

Upcoming town halls to highlight 'harms' of House Bill 93

<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/upcoming-town-halls-to-highlight-harms-of-house-bill-93/>

Three bonds and 21 levies to appear on May ballot

<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/two-bonds-and-five-levies-to-appear-on-may-ballot/>

**April 19, 2025**

2025 Mayor's Million Minute Marathon results

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/community/2025-mayor-s-million-minute-marathon-results/article\\_78b880c7-2751-4f6f-b1be-0a8d0a0164fe.html](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/community/2025-mayor-s-million-minute-marathon-results/article_78b880c7-2751-4f6f-b1be-0a8d0a0164fe.html)

Individuals isolating as Montana reports first measles cases since 1990

<https://www.newsbreak.com/idaho-state-journal-1591702/3968670312141-individuals-isolating-as-montana-reports-first-measles-cases-since-1990>

State Board Oks name change for Idaho College

[https://www.idahopress.com/news/local/state-board-oks-name-change-for-idaho-college/article\\_f5fb64b9-2417-475a-9807-d3429cc8046e.html](https://www.idahopress.com/news/local/state-board-oks-name-change-for-idaho-college/article_f5fb64b9-2417-475a-9807-d3429cc8046e.html)

North Idaho parents won't know which teachers will have guns next year

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/north-idaho-parents-won-t-know-which-teachers-will-have-guns-next-year/article\\_db3e4377-684f-4108-a2f1-3ebbcab2c8fe.html](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/north-idaho-parents-won-t-know-which-teachers-will-have-guns-next-year/article_db3e4377-684f-4108-a2f1-3ebbcab2c8fe.html)

Idaho is on the right path

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/townnews/zoology/opinion-idaho-is-on-the-right-path/article\\_7e17bad8-4450-4304-92ec-f065f385f464.html](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/townnews/zoology/opinion-idaho-is-on-the-right-path/article_7e17bad8-4450-4304-92ec-f065f385f464.html)

Open enrollment: The most popular public education choice option

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/freeaccess/opinion-open-enrollment-the-most-popular-public-education-choice-option/article\\_24267537-49b9-4764-b119-a99b073d4226.html](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/freeaccess/opinion-open-enrollment-the-most-popular-public-education-choice-option/article_24267537-49b9-4764-b119-a99b073d4226.html)

When one party rules, Idaho families lose

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/townnews/museums/opinion-when-one-party-rules-idaho-families-lose/article\\_a578b76d-a1a3-4d49-8211-f287b9b3ff67.html](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/townnews/museums/opinion-when-one-party-rules-idaho-families-lose/article_a578b76d-a1a3-4d49-8211-f287b9b3ff67.html)

#### **April 20, 2025**

Highland's Van Orden makes history at the Arcadia Invitational as new goat of Idaho hurdling

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/sports/highlands-van-orden-makes-history-at-the-arcadia-invitational-as-the-new-goat-of-idaho/article\\_7855ad56-09b5-4633-8db9-af3336561b1a.html](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/sports/highlands-van-orden-makes-history-at-the-arcadia-invitational-as-the-new-goat-of-idaho/article_7855ad56-09b5-4633-8db9-af3336561b1a.html)

West Ada creates 17 new administrator positions to manage increasing student needs

<https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/west-ada-creates-17-new-administrator-positions-to-manage-increasing-student-needs/>

#### **April 22, 2025**

Critchfield spells out 'ongoing' plan to comply with federal DEI dictates

<https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/critchfield-spells-out-ongoing-plan-to-comply-with-federal-dei-dictates/>

#### **April 23, 2025**

School District 25 putting together comprehensive revision to its cellphone policy

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/school-district-25-putting-together-comprehensive-revision-to-its-cellphone-policy/article\\_34a1c4c7-2684-4e8f-923a-534ac0385b4c.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawJ2NwZleHRuA2FlbQIxMQBicmlkETF0TndIWmYxbWkxYnhURENYAR4571-v\\_8h0bxlVI7MFS\\_cEaWqJQuDg9AfGHYiiWvWwi39QoCZLkyrXHWdOMA\\_aem\\_a0w1P56Sfe-vzHJR\\_c8H6Q](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/school-district-25-putting-together-comprehensive-revision-to-its-cellphone-policy/article_34a1c4c7-2684-4e8f-923a-534ac0385b4c.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawJ2NwZleHRuA2FlbQIxMQBicmlkETF0TndIWmYxbWkxYnhURENYAR4571-v_8h0bxlVI7MFS_cEaWqJQuDg9AfGHYiiWvWwi39QoCZLkyrXHWdOMA_aem_a0w1P56Sfe-vzHJR_c8H6Q)

Coeur d'Alene trustee resigns days after DUI, drug paraphernalia arrest

[https://www.idahoednews.org/news/coeur-dalene-trustee-resigns-days-after-duit-drug-paraphernalia-arrest/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJ2RBJleHRuA2FlbQIxMQBicmlkETFzc2IKMHJkTzd1dkV1UWw2AR57FcCKwz\\_L6ls\\_gfvHSRipDj217G-S5zp3kQfe5h3-I8kS8pOaxUSgrVFKew\\_aem\\_NzDZyYX-L\\_niJRyWI4Mweg](https://www.idahoednews.org/news/coeur-dalene-trustee-resigns-days-after-duit-drug-paraphernalia-arrest/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJ2RBJleHRuA2FlbQIxMQBicmlkETFzc2IKMHJkTzd1dkV1UWw2AR57FcCKwz_L6ls_gfvHSRipDj217G-S5zp3kQfe5h3-I8kS8pOaxUSgrVFKew_aem_NzDZyYX-L_niJRyWI4Mweg)

Teachers: Don't count on 5% raises next year

<https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/teachers-dont-count-on-5-raises-next-year/>

**April 24, 2025**

Injunctions temporarily block Trump Education Department's anti-DEI campaign

<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/trump-education-department-efforts-to-get-dei-out-of-schools-hit-roadblock/>

Empower Parents, and the politics of the short attention span

<https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/analysis-empowering-parents-and-the-politics-of-the-short-attention-span/>

Pocatello, students, alumni celebrate '100 years of excellence' at local middle school

<https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/students-and-alumni-celebrate-100-years-of-excellence/>

**April 27, 2025**

Bear Lake Middle School honored as only Idaho STEM Designated public middle school in the state

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/bear-lake-middle-school-honored-as-only-idaho-stem-designated-public-middle-school-in-state/article\\_b5de3cb6-f9d4-446f-9a50-3c5bf3ae6cb9.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawJ-lkdleHRuA2FibQixMQBicmlkETFDs0M2YlUyYzFWbFNNU2gxAR7RkBfczw8VpVlqVAGDojiYHhLehrrpFHBlu7U5m6gRkE26v31\\_TIE6O6EYrg\\_aem\\_PQ-7kKkZTzsPVTsRCFsv4g](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/bear-lake-middle-school-honored-as-only-idaho-stem-designated-public-middle-school-in-state/article_b5de3cb6-f9d4-446f-9a50-3c5bf3ae6cb9.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawJ-lkdleHRuA2FibQixMQBicmlkETFDs0M2YlUyYzFWbFNNU2gxAR7RkBfczw8VpVlqVAGDojiYHhLehrrpFHBlu7U5m6gRkE26v31_TIE6O6EYrg_aem_PQ-7kKkZTzsPVTsRCFsv4g)

**April 28, 2025**

Irving Middle School's untold story revealed during centennial celebration

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/irving-middle-schools-untold-story-revealed-during-centennial-celebration/article\\_e75e7fa9-a4ed-4899-9b7d-f4dc533c5cb3.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawJ-IHZleHRuA2FibQixMQBicmlkETfMttYxRktudXhXdWpRZmF0AR4Uk7vi9QUc8ips-AtHbF0mSGbnjpWkq8lneM-B\\_VYyfeuy6\\_OurGPcm1Gx-A\\_aem\\_ZqKfjxoPgMj-n3Z6WOfNQ](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/irving-middle-schools-untold-story-revealed-during-centennial-celebration/article_e75e7fa9-a4ed-4899-9b7d-f4dc533c5cb3.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawJ-IHZleHRuA2FibQixMQBicmlkETfMttYxRktudXhXdWpRZmF0AR4Uk7vi9QUc8ips-AtHbF0mSGbnjpWkq8lneM-B_VYyfeuy6_OurGPcm1Gx-A_aem_ZqKfjxoPgMj-n3Z6WOfNQ)

Nampa will shorten school day for elementary students

<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/nampa-will-shorten-school-day-for-elementary-students/>

New charter commission director brings decades of education experience

<https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/from-classroom-teacher-to-state-leader-new-charter-commission-director-brings-decades-of-education-experience/>

**April 29, 2025**

Idaho library commission retains federal funding, for now

[https://www.idahoednews.org/news/idaho-library-commission-retains-federal-funding-for-now/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJ-I89leHRuA2FibQixMQBicmlkETFDs0M2YlUyYzFWbFNNU2gxAR7NrPqaPCp-adcgn522bDgbvl9byxd7AKwzMRDhuuTMlZ8I5wuNyLUlyqKGYw\\_aem\\_Cs61z\\_9n2TJ6v6SG28MpOg](https://www.idahoednews.org/news/idaho-library-commission-retains-federal-funding-for-now/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJ-I89leHRuA2FibQixMQBicmlkETFDs0M2YlUyYzFWbFNNU2gxAR7NrPqaPCp-adcgn522bDgbvl9byxd7AKwzMRDhuuTMlZ8I5wuNyLUlyqKGYw_aem_Cs61z_9n2TJ6v6SG28MpOg)

Democrats pushing for turnout in May elections, including school measures

<https://www.idahoednews.org/kevins-blog/democrats-pushing-for-turnout-in-may-elections-including-school-measures/>

PV-TEC Campus is dream come true for School District 25

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/pv-tec-campus-is-dream-come-true-for-school-district-25/article\\_7c96f27f-42ee-4209-b462-2bcc02bf3ec1.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawJ\\_JkBlEHRuA2FlbQlxMQBicmlkETfyMTlhckhzN1pWN2FhWXdDAR72bit0rkAh0aB1pbGTISndqME67oPEp9Lm\\_2ENFkEETN\\_DfQNrS-xeOSACng\\_aem\\_DHSkh2xQoIKdBfVemZYOOQ](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/pv-tec-campus-is-dream-come-true-for-school-district-25/article_7c96f27f-42ee-4209-b462-2bcc02bf3ec1.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawJ_JkBlEHRuA2FlbQlxMQBicmlkETfyMTlhckhzN1pWN2FhWXdDAR72bit0rkAh0aB1pbGTISndqME67oPEp9Lm_2ENFkEETN_DfQNrS-xeOSACng_aem_DHSkh2xQoIKdBfVemZYOOQ)

State launches revamped school data website

<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/state-launches-revamped-school-data-website/>

New school bus technology aims to reduce misbehavior, help drivers focus on the road

<https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/new-school-bus-technology-aims-to-reduce-misbehavior-help-drivers-focus-on-the-road/>

### **April 30, 2025**

A first 100 days of predictable priorities, and predictable turmoil

<https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/analysis-a-first-100-days-of-predictable-priorities-and-predictable-turmoil/>

Big education issues at stake as U.S. Supreme Court hears religious charter case

<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/big-education-issues-at-stake-as-supreme-court-hears-religious-charter-case/>

Ten after-school programs receive \$1.53 million in federal grants

<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/ten-after-school-programs-receive-1-53-million-in-federal-grants/>

Idaho Gives BBQ event draws dozens of area nonprofits

<https://localnews8.com/news/idaho/2025/04/30/idaho-gives-bbq-event-draws-dozens-of-area-nonprofits/>

Community celebrates Idaho Gives with lunch event

[https://www.kpvi.com/news/local\\_news/community-celebrates-idaho-gives-with-lunch-event/article\\_d76cb27c-423e-4af6-a30e-7d5f459cb8c8.html](https://www.kpvi.com/news/local_news/community-celebrates-idaho-gives-with-lunch-event/article_d76cb27c-423e-4af6-a30e-7d5f459cb8c8.html)

### **May 1, 2025**

Idaho task force arrests Chubbuck man for child exploitation; bail set

[https://www.khq.com/news/idaho-task-force-arrests-chubbuck-man-for-child-exploitation-bail-set/article\\_2a2d9c18-8d4e-484f-ae7c-abfab5e85b6c.html](https://www.khq.com/news/idaho-task-force-arrests-chubbuck-man-for-child-exploitation-bail-set/article_2a2d9c18-8d4e-484f-ae7c-abfab5e85b6c.html)

Local school district employee arrested for alleged child pornography use

<https://www.eastidahonews.com/2025/05/local-school-district-employee-arrested-for-alleged-child-pornography-use/>

Southern Idaho man arrested for child sexual exploitation charges; formerly employed by School District 25

<https://www.dailyfly.com/2025/05/01/southern-idaho-man-arrested-for-child-sexual-exploitation-charges-formerly-employed-by-school-district-25/>

AG Labrador announces arrest of Pocatello/Chubbuck School District 25 employee for possession and distribution of child sexual exploitation material

[https://www.bigcountrynewsconnection.com/idaho/ag-labrador-announces-arrest-of-pocatello-chubbuck-school-district-25-employee-for-possession-and-distribution/article\\_22fd35ba-7c6a-43ca-8fee-1583f198475b.html](https://www.bigcountrynewsconnection.com/idaho/ag-labrador-announces-arrest-of-pocatello-chubbuck-school-district-25-employee-for-possession-and-distribution/article_22fd35ba-7c6a-43ca-8fee-1583f198475b.html)

Attorney General: Former School district 25 employee William Strength arrested for possession and distribution of child sexual exploitation material

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/attorney-general-former-school-district-25-employee-william-strength-arrested-for-possession-and-distribution-of/article\\_5414e2e0-8908-4e95-bde5-de0f91c34a4e.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawKAt5ZleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBicmlkETFYVU9nMXByYWxJZHpkdnNWAR4fnpcXlxigl\\_HmIVr3cl0ym0FQIPQ26HKkwTn6H-I-MUuM4rWRddedsk6ePQ\\_aem\\_Qqp53pRPb-IVq0F99DwxMQ](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/attorney-general-former-school-district-25-employee-william-strength-arrested-for-possession-and-distribution-of/article_5414e2e0-8908-4e95-bde5-de0f91c34a4e.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawKAt5ZleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBicmlkETFYVU9nMXByYWxJZHpkdnNWAR4fnpcXlxigl_HmIVr3cl0ym0FQIPQ26HKkwTn6H-I-MUuM4rWRddedsk6ePQ_aem_Qqp53pRPb-IVq0F99DwxMQ)

Decades in the making, a new CTE center is a gateway from classrooms to careers

<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/decades-in-the-making-a-new-cte-center-is-a-gateway-from-classrooms-to-careers/>

Some education groups concerned with state's schools funding

<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/some-idaho-education-groups-concerned-with-states-new-public-schools-budgets-operations-funding/>

Retired public school administrators campaign against private school tax credit

<https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/retired-public-school-administrators-campaign-against-private-school-tax-credit/>

Save our Schools Idaho to hold town hall meeting in Boise discussing House Bill 93

[https://www.idahopress.com/news/local/save-our-schools-idaho-to-hold-town-hall-meeting-in-boise-discussing-house-bill-93/article\\_2d481e50-b166-4be7-9544-a65f1f066cc3.html](https://www.idahopress.com/news/local/save-our-schools-idaho-to-hold-town-hall-meeting-in-boise-discussing-house-bill-93/article_2d481e50-b166-4be7-9544-a65f1f066cc3.html)

Trump administration cuts \$1 billion in school mental health grants, citing conflict of priorities

<http://qcnews.com/news/national-news/ap-trump-administration-cuts-1-billion-in-school-mental-health-grants-citing-conflict-of-priorities/>

Former Idaho School district employee charged with child pornography crimes

<https://localnews8.com/news/2025/05/01/former-idaho-school-district-employee-charged-with-child-pornography-crimes/>

A 10-year-old brought a realistic weapon to school

[https://www.kpvi.com/news/a-10-year-old-brought-a-realistic-weapon-to-school/article\\_07d86209-f26e-41c1-ac08-5cd1c2274599.html](https://www.kpvi.com/news/a-10-year-old-brought-a-realistic-weapon-to-school/article_07d86209-f26e-41c1-ac08-5cd1c2274599.html)

Pocatello/Chubbuck School District #25 officially opens PV-TEC Campus

[https://www.kpvi.com/news/local\\_news/pocatello-chubbuck-school-district-25-officially-opens-pv-tech-campus/article\\_ff49ece0-8d4c-4698-bdb7-063975ace4af.html](https://www.kpvi.com/news/local_news/pocatello-chubbuck-school-district-25-officially-opens-pv-tech-campus/article_ff49ece0-8d4c-4698-bdb7-063975ace4af.html)

### **May 2, 2025**

Attacks on public education and new laws discussed during Critchfield's post-legislative session tour

<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/attacks-on-public-education-and-new-laws-discussed-during-critchfields-post-legislative-session-tour/>

A former employee of the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District has been arrested

[https://www.kpvi.com/news/a-former-employee-of-the-pocatello-chubbuck-school-district-has-been-arrested/article\\_c604e76b-077a-4dcf-ad12-e0097c031f2c.html](https://www.kpvi.com/news/a-former-employee-of-the-pocatello-chubbuck-school-district-has-been-arrested/article_c604e76b-077a-4dcf-ad12-e0097c031f2c.html)

### **May 3, 2025**

Parents file \$50 million child sexual abuse claim against Idaho school district

<https://www.eastidahonews.com/2025/05/parents-file-50-million-child-sexual-abuse-claim-against-idaho-school-district/>

<https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/parents-file-50-million-child-sexual-abuse-claim-against-the-boise-school-district/>

Every election matters

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/freeaccess/opinion-every-election-matters/article\\_06d80673-f4b1-4b26-84e5-ea108efd380c.html](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/freeaccess/opinion-every-election-matters/article_06d80673-f4b1-4b26-84e5-ea108efd380c.html)

Reckless GOP budgeting likely to force even deeper cuts

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/townnews/museums/opinion-reckless-gop-budgeting-likely-to-force-even-deeper-cuts/article\\_91ed68f1-be02-45ed-b01f-446b43b7fe3f.html](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/townnews/museums/opinion-reckless-gop-budgeting-likely-to-force-even-deeper-cuts/article_91ed68f1-be02-45ed-b01f-446b43b7fe3f.html)

### **May 4, 2025**

How two east Idaho school districts recovered from ransomware attacks and aim to prevent another

<https://www.eastidahonews.com/2025/05/how-two-east-idaho-school-districts-recovered-from-ransomware-attacks-and-aim-to-prevent-another/>

### **May 5, 2025**

The Portneuf Valley Technical and Career Campus held its official grand opening ceremony Thursday afternoon, with a crowd of over 100 people watching Principal Rhonda Naftz cut the ribbon

[https://www.eastidahonews.com/2025/05/community-celebrates-grand-opening-of-portneuf-valley-technical-school/?fbclid=IwY2xjawKHGQhleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBicmlkETE5eII4WXE3NIBMWIjYeDIOAR7a01sZmAsqtRyTAnYe71hEKk7zxSbooX5KcK2\\_6QuM-eSgyrMBITtmrBZh0g\\_aem\\_m0vdKmpr2ffcZLu7iWBWYyA](https://www.eastidahonews.com/2025/05/community-celebrates-grand-opening-of-portneuf-valley-technical-school/?fbclid=IwY2xjawKHGQhleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBicmlkETE5eII4WXE3NIBMWIjYeDIOAR7a01sZmAsqtRyTAnYe71hEKk7zxSbooX5KcK2_6QuM-eSgyrMBITtmrBZh0g_aem_m0vdKmpr2ffcZLu7iWBWYyA)

Post Falls superintendent says levy is a necessity

<https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/post-falls-superintendent-says-levy-is-a-necessity/>

Trump budget proposal slashes \$6 billion from K-12 sending but gives charters a bump

<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/trump-budget-proposal-slashes-6-billion-from-k-12-spending-but-gives-charters-a-bump/>

Early voting begins in May election that includes three bonds and 24 levies statewide

<http://idahoednews.org/news/two-bonds-and-five-levies-to-appear-on-may-ballot/>

### **May 6, 2025**

More pieces of legislation were prepared for Idaho's 2025 session than in the last 30 years

<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/more-pieces-of-legislation-were-prepared-for-idahos-2025-session-than-in-the-last-30-years/>

Caldwell School District discusses response to deportation procedures, immigration inquiries

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/townnews/legislation/caldwell-school-district-discusses-response-to-deportation-procedures-immigration-inquiries/article\\_67f1cb11-11ed-55c6-8f2f-f6a32d1556b0.html](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/townnews/legislation/caldwell-school-district-discusses-response-to-deportation-procedures-immigration-inquiries/article_67f1cb11-11ed-55c6-8f2f-f6a32d1556b0.html)

Idaho Gives sets record with \$5.1 million donated

[https://www.khq.com/news/idaho\\_news/idaho-gives-campaign-hits-record-31-million-in-donations/article\\_cc7bde6b-c50a-46df-a4ac-5b8679f98c63.html](https://www.khq.com/news/idaho_news/idaho-gives-campaign-hits-record-31-million-in-donations/article_cc7bde6b-c50a-46df-a4ac-5b8679f98c63.html)

PV-TEC will help prepare students for further education

[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/freeaccess/opinion-pv-tec-will-help-prepare-students-for-further-education/article\\_8b00ca6e-e271-433e-9d59-d1d24c74b0aa.html](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/freeaccess/opinion-pv-tec-will-help-prepare-students-for-further-education/article_8b00ca6e-e271-433e-9d59-d1d24c74b0aa.html)

Free summer lunch for kids in Pocatello/Chubbuck begins June 9

<https://localnews8.com/news/2025/05/06/free-summer-lunch-for-kids-in-pocatello-chubbuck-begins-june-9/>

### **May 7, 2025**

Idaho Falls schools issue warning over destructive/dangerous social media trend

[https://localnews8.com/news/top-stories/2025/05/07/idaho-falls-schools-issue-warning-over-destructive-dangerous-social-media-trend/?utm\\_campaign=snd-autopilot](https://localnews8.com/news/top-stories/2025/05/07/idaho-falls-schools-issue-warning-over-destructive-dangerous-social-media-trend/?utm_campaign=snd-autopilot)

Former senator remembered as 'fierce' advocate for education

<https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/former-senator-remembered-as-fierce-advocate-for-education/>

### **May 8, 2025**

Caldwell School District floats idea of its own police department

<https://www.ktvb.com/article/news/local/idaho-press/caldwell-school-district-discusses-response-to-deportation-procedures-immigration-inquiries/277-669c2865-d095-4093-9afb-1b4d79eee624>

Caldwell School District discusses response to deportation procedures, immigration inquiries  
<https://www.ktvb.com/article/news/local/idaho-press/caldwell-school-district-discusses-response-to-deportation-procedures-immigration-inquiries/277-669c2865-d095-4093-9afb-1b4d79eee624>

**May 9, 2025**

Claims of a new \$400 million education investment are 'misleading at best'  
<https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/state-official-claims-of-a-new-400-million-education-investment-are-misleading-at-best/>

**May 10, 2025**

Free dental sealants for Syringa Elementary students helping to prevent cavities for Idaho children  
[https://www.idahostatejournal.com/community/free-dental-sealants-for-syringa-elementary-students-helping-to-prevent-cavities-for-idaho-children/article\\_834f2812-774a-4e77-ba76-6631ec69aca4.html](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/community/free-dental-sealants-for-syringa-elementary-students-helping-to-prevent-cavities-for-idaho-children/article_834f2812-774a-4e77-ba76-6631ec69aca4.html)

**May 12, 2025**

Popular career-technical school depends on Post Falls and Lakeland levies  
<https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/popular-career-technical-schools-future-depends-on-post-falls-and-lakeland-levies/>

**May 13, 2025**

Coeur d'Alene begins search for new trustee  
<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/coeur-dalene-begins-search-for-new-trustee/>

Superintendent shuffle: Changes at Butte County, Preston and Council  
<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/superintendent-shuffle-2025-turnover-at-educations-helm/>

Kuna, Xavier face multimillion-dollar sexual abuse claims  
<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/kuna-xavier-face-multimillion-dollar-sexual-abuse-claims/>

**May 14, 2025**

State will no longer monitor school calendars for legal compliance  
[https://www.idahoednews.org/news/state-discontinues-reporting-requirements-for-school-calendars/?fbclid=IwY2xjawKR3HFleHRuA2FlbQIxMQBicmlkETF1Q0wzWFFkNDJUVmtUTlk0AR5qd8fcFm7hFrVQG27BFhb9KTJ5EhfDrdq1v91yMB9NqS5TUlmc3f33t06F1g\\_aem\\_R1M7jpg9Yfig2tWZnglwCA](https://www.idahoednews.org/news/state-discontinues-reporting-requirements-for-school-calendars/?fbclid=IwY2xjawKR3HFleHRuA2FlbQIxMQBicmlkETF1Q0wzWFFkNDJUVmtUTlk0AR5qd8fcFm7hFrVQG27BFhb9KTJ5EhfDrdq1v91yMB9NqS5TUlmc3f33t06F1g_aem_R1M7jpg9Yfig2tWZnglwCA)

State suspends a major K-12 data system upgrade  
<https://www.idahoednews.org/top-news/isee-on-ice-state-suspends-a-major-k-12-data-system-upgrade/>

Pocatello will pilot online high school this fall' trustees discuss cellphone policy  
<https://www.idahoednews.org/news/pocatello-will-pilot-online-high-school-this-fall/>

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# Thank you.

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