

Emmett School District 221

Superintendent Report
January 12, 2026

District Updates

- Emmett School District kicked off the start of second semester with a professional development day that included an all staff luncheon and presentation by Dr. Randy Russell. Dr. Russell has attend and supported the Emmett schools district over the past five years. This event took place at Emmett Middle School with our Child Nutrition team preparing soups, salad and dessert for over 300 participants. We also held the conference in Auditorium with the use of the updated sound system.
- Special thanks to our Child Nutrition team and Emmett Middle School for hosting the District.
- City of Emmett has notified the school district on their plan to acquire additional right-of-way along 12th street and substation road to facility planned roadway improvements. I have been in contact with the Senior Analyst and City Works regarding the planned acquisition.
- Legislative session begins January 12th with Governor Little's annual State of the State address and budget recommendations.
- Emmett School District hosted a second community forum for Gem County state legislators. Approximately 30 patrons attended the meeting.

District Updates Continued

- City Planning Commission approved our request for 861 West 12th street annexation into the city limits. We will now begin the process of splitting the property and working with CM Construction on relocation of True North Prep to the 861 location.
- Emmett School District is currently in the process of reviewing and piloting two math curriculums for possible adoption for grades K-5. Dr. Uriarte and the curriculum team of teachers and parents are soliciting additional parents to review and provide input regarding the upcoming curriculum adoption.
- Emmett School District mailed out a information flyer to all Gem county residents prior to Christmas Break. Special thank you to Amanda Weers for creating the newsletter, along with, Zach Higgins and Wright Bros for the sponsoring the cost to print and mail this newsletter to our patrons.
- Federal Grant for Community Schools was reinstated on December 31st after a second review of the Idaho appeal. Thank you to all patrons and staff that emailed letters of support for this program.
- ISBA Day on the hill is approaching please let Angela know if you would like to attend this event.
- Public school Superintendent Debbie Critchfield's proposed state budget includes the Idaho Code mandates which include funding the career ladder and other line items. It fails to address the increased cost of utilities, supplies and materials with 0 increase in Discretionary funding with the exception of the Insurance allocation in discretionary.
- Increased cost in specific areas including Special Education are not addressed in the Superintendents funding request.

District Goals

- **Goal 2: Strengthen support for students with disabilities**
 - Carberry Elementary welcomes their newest member to their team with the hiring of Emma Kraupp. This addition fills all our budgeted Special education positions within the district.
 - Ms. Thomas has indicated that the additional staffing has positioned the district well to address immediate student needs and long-term systems of improvement.
 - 2nd Semester will focus on Tier one instruction and our RTI systems of support.
- **Goal 4: Build stronger community partnerships and plan for future growth**
 - Work Groups: Elementary configuration group will continue to meet
 - District Math Curriculum Pilot with parent and community input. All participants are welcome please reach out to the District for dates and times.
 - HB 521 funds can support the completion of our communities top three goals
 - HVAC EMS: Estimated Completion Date July 1, 2026
 - True North relocation and Butte View becoming an elementary school complex
 - Butte View Elementary School gymnasium