

# IDAHO PARENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL CHOICE



## Presentation to: Bonneville County Republican Women's Group “MY CHILD, MY CHOICE”

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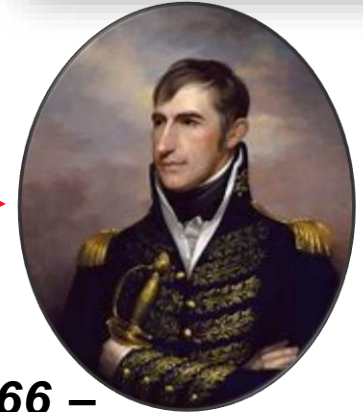
## **PRESENTATION OVERVIEW**

- ***IPEC Leadership – It’s All in the Genes!***
- ***IPEC Program – Goals and Objectives***
- ***Some Cold, Hard Facts***
- ***A National Perspective***
- ***Stats Don’t Lie – A Look Into Idaho’s Education and Academic Data***
- ***Idaho’s Bills, Books, and Burdens – An Overview***
- ***Exploring, Exposing and Alleviating the Damage***
- ***Successes and More Successes!***
- ***The Ultimate Remedy***



## IPEC LEADERSHIP – IT'S ALL IN THE GENES!

- **William Henry Harrison** (February 9, 1773 – April 4, 1841) – American military hero and ninth President of the United States and Great, Great, Great Grandfather of Tom Harrison, Co-Founder of Idaho Parents for Educational Choice (IPEC). →



- ← • **Robert LeRoy Parker** (April 13, 1866 – November 7, 1908 – Better known as “Butch Cassidy”, was an American train and bank robber and the leader of a gang of criminals known as the “Wild Bunch” in the Old West. Butch is the second cousin, twice removed, of Carolyn Harrison, Co-Founder of Idaho Parents for Educational Choice (IPEC).

**“As disparate as our backgrounds are, after 25 years of working together and starting four (4) companies, another ‘new’ venture was right up our alley!”**



## IPEC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- **Parent-administered** education-choice organization committed to enhancing the K-12 education system in the State of Idaho by supporting parent-choice programs, **where “the money follows the kids”**. Promote and assist in communication among the State’s “children-first” parent groups: **one cohesive, united voice**.
- **Supports legislation** that restores parents’ fundamental right to have access to the education funding that is rightfully theirs.
- **Supports legislation** that votes down, summarily and recurrently, such programs as critical race theory (CRT), the 1619 Project, social justice and social emotional learning (SEL) programs, together with other **offensive indoctrination programs, books, and other literature** that are permeating Idaho’s school system and adversely influencing our children.



## **SOME COLD, HARD FACTS**

***Critical Race Theory is being taught in our schools in U.S. and Idaho!***

***What is Critical Race Theory (CRT)?***

***Its fundamental ideology is that all human relationships are relationships of power between an oppressor class and an oppressed class.***



***Marxists – bourgeoisie  
were the oppressors.***



***Ibram X. Kendi  
21<sup>st</sup> Century America –  
Whites are the oppressors.***



***Through passage of HB 377 in 2021,  
Idaho was the first state in the Nation  
to enact prohibitions against Critical Race Theory;  
it also bans public funding for any related curriculum.***





## PARENT/SCHOOL CHOICE - A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE



### LARGEST TEACHERS' UNION VOWS TO PROMOTE DISPUTED PROGRAMS

The **National Education Association** openly promoted the teaching of Critical Race Theory (CRT) in K-12 schools and **opposes any bans on instruction** in both the Marxist ideology and the widely-discredited "New York Times" "1619 Project".

The Zinn Education Project – National Petition, where teachers **pledged to violate state laws that ban critical race theory in public schools**

*"We, the undersigned educators, refuse to lie to young people about U.S. history and current events — regardless of the law."*

## Idaho - 19 Teachers Signed Petition:

Blackfoot, ID  
Alexa McConville

Boise, ID  
Dolly Higgins  
Edwin Keener  
Jenn Siegel  
Joanne Klein  
Julie Gill  
Susan Whipple

Idaho Falls, ID  
Kristina Batalden

Lewiston, ID  
Megan McMinn

Meridian, ID  
Mackenzie Smith

Pocatello, ID  
Katy Hopkins  
MariLana Buck

Stites, ID  
Curtis Lanque  
Cathy Blake  
Dr. Judith Dunkerly  
Kathleen Holmes  
Roseanne Puzello

Nampa, ID  
Katharine Schell

Victor, ID  
Melissa Young

**PARENTS, NEVER FEAR:  
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
HAS YOUR BACKS:**

**"ZERO TO FIVE-YEAR-OLDS ARE RACIST"**

***"Your three-month-old might be racist,  
and the Department of Education is here to help."***  
**"The Daily Wire"**





## BUT WAIT, BUZZ WORDS WILL SUFFICE: EXPLORING AND EXPOSING THE DAMAGE



## UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION PUBLICIZED BY IDAHO FREEDOM FOUNDATION

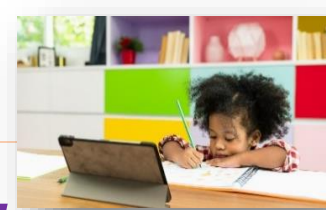
In this Youtube Video, Idaho public school officials are admitting to teaching CRT but under different buzz words, like...

*"mental health" and "equity."*

Exposed by Idaho Freedom Foundation's investigatory work, please view the above [undercover investigation on Idaho public schools](#) via IPECs website Home Page:

[www.idahoparentsforeducationalchoice.com](http://www.idahoparentsforeducationalchoice.com)





## A LOOK INTO IDAHO'S SCHOOL DISTRICTS' ACADEMIC, SOCIAL JUSTICE, MONETARY DISTRIBUTION, AND SCHOOL CHOICES



### The Idaho Freedom Foundation

**"Liberty in Education and Academic Development" (LEAD) Interactive Map**  
(<https://idahofreedom.org/LEAD-map>)

**This map supplies the following State of Idaho public-records data and information:**

- Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI) Percentage at Grade Level/District;

- Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) Percentage Proficient in English and Language Arts (ELA)/District;

- ISAT Percentage Proficient in Math/District;

- Natl. Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)
- ID Statewide Percentages in Reading (4<sup>th</sup> grade) – 32%

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- ID Statewide Percentages in Reading (8<sup>th</sup> grade) – 32%

- Natl. Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)
- ID Statewide Percentages in Math (4<sup>th</sup> grade) – 36%

- Natl. Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)
- ID Statewide Percentages in Math (8<sup>th</sup> grade) – 32%

- Spending Per Student

- Superintendent's Total Salary – Administrators take up 87.6% of the growth; students: 7.6%; teachers: 8.7%

- Rainy Day Fund Balance (% of Total Budget)

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Personnel

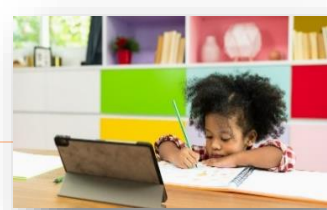
- Critical Social Justice Incidents

- List of Nearby Alternative Educational Providers

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*NAEP – represents % proficient or above.  
IRI – represents % at grade level.  
ISAT – standardized test to receive Federal funding.*





## *STATS DON'T LIE (Continued)*

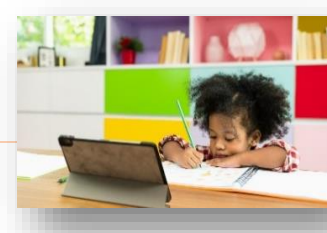
### **IDAHO'S CRITICAL SOCIAL JUSTICE (CSJ) INCIDENTS, STATEWIDE ...a synopsis...**

**115 School Districts (not including Charter schools) in State of Idaho;**

- **Public records show that...**
  - **Fifty-two (52) engaged in some sort of CSJ incidents:**
    - ✓ **Critical Race Theory;**
    - ✓ **Social Emotional Learning (SEL);**
    - ✓ **1619 Project**
- **Forty-nine (49) providing access to the Idaho Digital Ebook Alliance collection, which includes transgender books, such as "Felix Ever After" and "George"; and**
- **Twenty-nine (29) schools from 15 school districts that offer Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender LGBT types of Clubs, with no statewide requirement for parental permission.**



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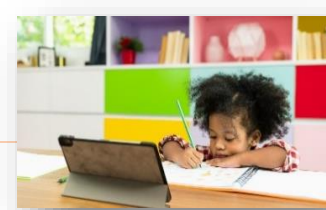
Blaine County School District #61

BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61

- Maintains a **"Name and Pronoun Usage"** Policy; whereby, staff use students' preferred pronouns, regardless of parental knowledge or wishes.
  - Provides access to **Idaho Digital Ebook Alliance collection**, which includes sexually-explicit books, such as "Felix Ever After" and "George".
  - Blaine County School Board Chairman **promised to protect teachers from parents** who are concerned about their children being indoctrinated in school.
  - Utilized Vector Solutions' "Safe Schools" training modules on **implicit bias, micro-aggressions, intersectionality, and ethnocentrism.**
- **LGBT Club at Wood River High School**
- Wood River High School Equity Task Force member and Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) teacher, Michel Sewell, advocated for **abolishing gifted and talented programs.**
- Offered **teacher training on equity, implicit bias, racism, the works of Ibram Kendi:**

*"Racism is the single, self-evident cause of racial differences in everything from school grades to incarceration rates, to income, and thus must be rectified using 'antiracist discrimination'; reiterates Critical Race Theory's basic concept."*

- **Spending more money from an unstable source does not work:**
  - ✓ Spending Per Student in Blaine County - **\$16,393.00/student**
  - ✓ Idaho Reading Indicator Test Score: **50.4%**
    - ✓ ISAT in ELA Test Score: **51.3%**
    - ✓ ISAT in Math Test Score: **37.4%**

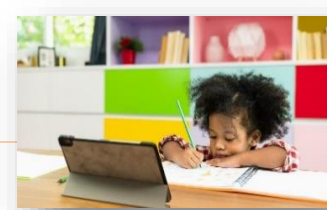


## BOISE SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

Reports of a "**Name and Pronoun Usage**" Policy; whereby, staff use students' preferred pronouns, regardless of parental knowledge or wishes.

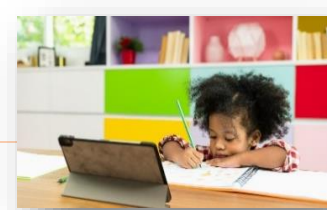
- Provides access to **Idaho Digital Ebook Alliance** collection, which includes books, such as "Felix Ever After" and "George"
- Investigative reporting revealed that the **District's Strategic Plan is "equity-focused"** and that these efforts are overseen by the World Studies, Social Studies, and Equity Supervisor.
- Third grade social studies curriculum **references iCivics, which advances the systemic racism** narrative and celebrates NFL players protesting during the National Anthem.
  - Nine LGBT Clubs:
    - ✓ Boise High School
    - ✓ Borah High School
    - ✓ Capital High School
    - ✓ Timberline High School
    - ✓ East Junior High School
    - ✓ Fairmont Junior High
    - ✓ Hillside Junior High School
    - ✓ Les Boise Junior High School
    - ✓ North Junior High School
  - Idaho Reading Indicator Test Score: **59.8%**
    - ISAT in ELA Test Score: **56.5%**
    - ISAT in Math Test Score: **42.6%**

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## COEUR D'ALENE SCHOOL DISTRICT #271

- Reports of a **"Name and Pronoun Usage"** Policy; whereby, staff use students' preferred pronouns, regardless of parental knowledge or wishes.
  - Used "Welcoming Libraries" federal grant to establish **"Vikings for Diversity and Inclusion"** Book Club.
- Provided access to **Idaho Digital Ebook Alliance** collection, which includes titles, such as "Felix Ever After" and "George", through students' school accounts (2021)
- Implements a district-wide equity framework, which incorporates culturally responsive teaching models, restorative justice practices, training in recognizing implicit bias for staff members, and using an **"equitable curriculum" that prioritizes "stories over facts"**.
- Utilizes the Second Step **social-emotional learning (SEL) Program**, promoted by the Committee for Children, which trains kids to view their parents as "roadblocks" to their goals, believe that white children are privileged, and engage in activism for causes, such as Black Lives Matter (BLM).
  - Administrators manipulated an **11-year-old girl into believing** she was transgender and should undergo gender-transition surgery!
- Adopted Curriculum Associate's "i-Ready Classroom Mathematics" curriculum, which promotes culturally responsive math instruction that **"helps students and teachers to recognize racism, racial inequities, and non-dominant culture, and dismantle them."**
- Employed a **Director of Federal Programs and Equity** (2021) at Lake City High School. This role has now been combined with another position and "rebranded": as **"Director of Federal Programs"**
- **Collects sensitive, personal information** about students' race, income, discipline record, counseling records, and more, in a Statewide Longitudinal Data Base, without parental permission.
  - LGBT Club at Lake City High School
- ✓ Idaho Reading Indicator Test Score: **54.3%**
  - ✓ ISAT in ELA Test Score: **60.6%**
  - ✓ ISAT in Math Test Score: **43.9%**

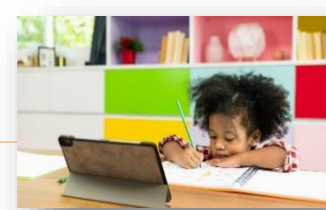


## NAMPA SCHOOL DISTRICT #181

- Reports of a **"Name and Pronoun Usage"** Policy; whereby, staff use students' preferred pronouns, regardless of parental knowledge or wishes.
- Provided access to **Idaho Digital Ebook Alliance collection**, which includes titles, such as "Felix Ever After" and "George", through students' school accounts (2021)
  - Investigative reporting revealed that Nampa School District officials get around parent outrage over **Social Emotional Learning (SEL)** by rebranding it as "mental health" curriculum.
  - Provided **teacher training in social-emotional learning (SEL)** Program that featured Meena Srinivasan, Founding Executive Director of Transformative Educational Leadership, and discussed **"race, racial justice, structural racism, white fragility, white privilege, (and) white supremacy."**
    - Implemented an **SEL** framework that is based on the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) model and collects personal student data in the Schoolwide Information System database. CASEL Model – widely used to teach Preschool through 12 students about systemic and equitable social and emotional learning (SEL).
    - Nampa School District's 2020-2021 Strategic Work Plan listed **"learning around diversity, equity, and inclusion"** as a component of professional development on social-emotional learning (SEL) for coaches. Similar training was to be provided for principals and Positive Intervention Behavior (PBI) coaches.
  - LGBT Club at Nampa High School
- ✓ Idaho Reading Indicator Test Score: **39.9%**
  - ✓ ISAT in ELA Test Score: **40.8%**
  - ✓ ISAT in Math Test Score: **22.6%**



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## WEST ADA SCHOOL DISTRICT #2

- Reports of a **"Name and Pronoun Usage"** Policy; whereby, staff use students' preferred pronouns, regardless of parental knowledge or wishes.
  - Provides access **to Idaho Digital Ebook Alliance collection**, which includes books, such as "Felix Ever After" and "George",

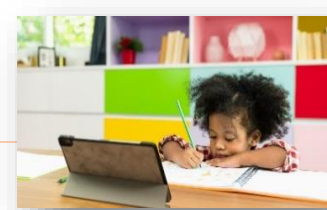
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- Recommended **Marxist scholar, Howard Zinn's "A People's History" as an Honors U.S. History resource.**
- **Contracted for \$125K with equity consultant Education Elements**, which endorses Critical Race Theory, to create a new Strategic Plan for the District.
  - A newsletter made available to Meridian Middle School staff members/teachers to teach their students that **"colorblindness" is a myth.**
  - More **than 50 books with sexually explicit content**: "Let's Talk About It: The Teen's Guide to Sex, Relationships, and Being a Human".



- **Five LGBT Clubs:**
  - ✓ Centennial High School
  - ✓ Meridian High School
  - ✓ Mountain View High School
  - ✓ Owyhee High School
  - ✓ Rocky Mountain High School.

- ✓ Idaho Reading Indicator Test Score: **62.6%**
  - ✓ ISAT in ELA Test Score: **67.4%**
  - ✓ ISAT in Math Test Score: **53.4%**



## IDAHO FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT #91

- Provides access to **Idaho Digital Ebook Alliance collection**, which includes books, such as "Felix Ever After" and "George", through students' school accounts (2021)

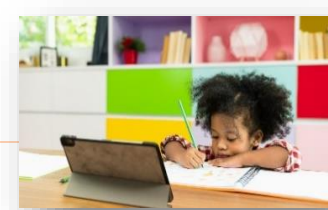
- Examples of **RACISM** and SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING (**SEL**) Being Taught in D#91:

- ✓ **RACISM** - In November, 2022, at Taylorview Middle School, Idaho Education Association Union representatives left "Types of Racism" bookmarks in the teachers' mailboxes.

- ✓ **SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)**  
Taylorview teacher said the teachers are being instructed to teach this controversial, child-intrusive philosophy to its students.

- **LGBT Clubs:**
        - ✓ Skyline High School
        - ✓ Idaho Falls High School

- ✓ Idaho Reading Indicator Test Score: **45%**
          - ✓ ISAT in ELA Test Score: **50.2%**
          - ✓ ISAT in Math Test Score: **36.1%**



## BONNEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #93

- Provides access to Idaho Digital Ebook Alliance collection, which includes books, such as "Felix Ever After" and "George", through students' school accounts (2021)

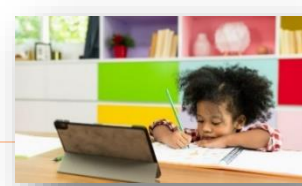
- **GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION GUIDELINES**

- **Only "need-to-know" individuals can know about a transgender student** in the school.

- "Need-to-Know individuals" mean:
  - ✓ Transgender student;
  - ✓ Parents of transgender student; and
- ✓ Physician assisting a transgender student in his/her transition.
- Must adhere to Idaho High Schools' Athletics Association rules (an organization that was organized by the Idaho Education Association Union).

***"How will the student body be informed of a transgender person possibly "appearing" in a restroom/dressing room?"***

- ✓ Idaho Reading Indicator Test Score: **53.8%**
  - ✓ ISAT in ELA Test Score: **57.1%**
  - ✓ ISAT in Math Test Score: **41.0%**



## IDAHO'S ELICIT BOOKS-- AND BURDENS

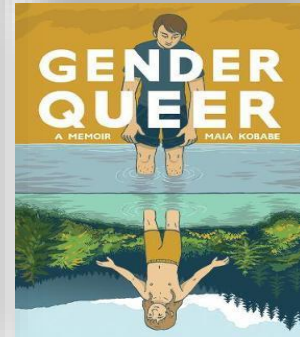
- In 2021, SB1193, "The Childhood Development Grant, **condoned social justice books**, such as the "A is for Activist" *alphabet book* for the zero-to-five-year-old age group.



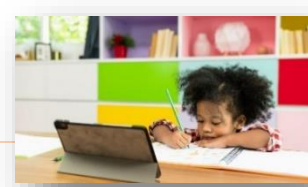
## TWO BOOKS FOUND IN IDAHO FALLS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Earned spot on American Library Association's "List of Top Ten Frequently Challenged Books of 2012".

"Looking" for Alaska" was challenged and banned, because it includes an explicit scene (pp. 126-128) wherein "Miles" and his girlfriend-of-one-day "Lara" engage in oral sex.







# PORNOGRAPHY IN LIBRARIES: A STATEWIDE PROBLEM

Communities with at least one **public school** and/or **public library** that makes obscene materials available to minor children:



- Blackfoot
- Boise
- Burley
- Caldwell
- Coeur d'Alene
- Deary
- Elk City
- Hailey
- Idaho Falls
- Jerome
- Juliaetta
- Ketchum
- Kuna
- Lapwai
- Lewiston
- Meridian
- Middleton
- Moscow
- Nampa
- Nezperce
- Pocatello
- Post Falls
- Priest Lake
- Rexburg
- Sandpoint
- Spirit Lake
- Twin Falls





## IDAHO 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PARENT/CHILDREN-FIRST BILLS

**There are currently wonderful children-first bills in play in the 2023 Idaho Legislative Session:**

### **S1038 - "FREEDOM IN EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS"**

Establishes education scholarships that would be available to all K-12 students in Idaho. Each participating student would receive \$5,950 to use for a multitude of educational services, as determined by the student or the student's family. The Senate Education Committee voted 6 to 3 in favor of the bill and sent it on to the Senate floor. On **02.27.23, this bill was voted down by 16 Republicans** and 7 Democrats.

Co-sponsored by Sen. Tammy Nichols and Sen. Brian Lenney.

### **H0092 "SECONDARY EDUCATION COURSES IN PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY"**

Makes it a requirement for all high schools in the State of Idaho to teach a class(es) in financial literacy. The class will teach students the basics of real-world personal finance and how to make sound financial decisions in their everyday lives.

Sponsored by Representative James Petzke

### **H0139 - "CHILDREN'S SCHOOL AND LIBRARY PROTECTION ACT"**

This bill will create a statewide policy that prohibits schools and libraries from distributing pornographic material to minor children. Any violation of the policy would result in civil liability for the offending institution. This bill never got out of the House Education Committee: 8 "yays" (all - R); 9 "nays" (4 - R).

Co-sponsored by Senator Cindy Carlson and Representative Jaron Crane

### **H0136 - "REINFORCEMENT OF PARENTAL RIGHTS"**

Promotes the reinforcement of the fundamental rights and responsibilities of parents as primary stakeholders of their children's rights, to make decisions regarding the upbringing and control of the parent's child, as well as other parent-right disclosures and inclusive parental rights. A House Education Committee hearing is slated for the week of February 20, 2023.

Co-sponsors: Superintendent of Public Schools, Debbie Critchfield; Representative Judy Boyle; and Senator Ben Toews.



## IDAHO 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PARENT/CHILDREN-FIRST BILLS (Continued)

### **S1071 - "PREVENTION OF SCHOOLS PROVIDING SEX EDUCATION (K-5)"**

This bill prohibits school employees, or third parties, from teaching K through 4<sup>th</sup>-grade students about human sexuality, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Sponsor: Senator Ben Toews

### **S1029 - "PREVENTS GOVERNMENT FROM INVESTIGATING CHILD'S VACCINATION STATUS"**

Government, or any agent of government, is prevented from commencing an investigation based solely on a child's vaccination status, and clarifies that a child's vaccination status cannot be used as a pretext for terminating a parent's relationships with their child. Read third time in full (**passed**).

Co-sponsors: Representative Heather Scott, Senator Brian Lenney

### **S1100 - "PROTECTING THE PRIVACY AND SAFETY OF STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS"**

This legislation ensures that public schools maintain separate bathroom and changing facilities for "biological" boys and "biological" girls and provides that public schools offer reasonable accommodations to any student who is unwilling, or unable, to use the facility designated for their respective "biological" sex. Passed through Senate Education Committee on February 23, 2023, with 6 (R) to 2 (D) vote; now, on to Senate floor for further discussion/vote."

Co-sponsored by Sen. Ben Adams and Rep. Ted Hill.

### **H0071 - "VULNERABLE CHILD PROTECTION ACT" – Chloe Cole**

Protects children from unnecessary, life-altering medical procedures by prohibiting medical providers from performing sex reassignment surgery on minors or prescribing puberty blockers to them. Passed House (58 yay; 12 nay) 03.02.23 – "H71 has **been sitting in a Senate Committee for almost a**

**week; it needs to be taken up, heard, and a vote made."**

Co-sponsored by Re. Bruce Skaug and Sen. Lori Den Hartog.



## IDAHO 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PARENT/CHILDREN-FIRST BILLS (Continued)

### **H0196 - "PERMISSION MUST BE GIVEN BY PARENTS FOR THEIR STUDENT(S) TO TAKE PART IN SCHOOL CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS"**

This bill requires schools to receive permission of a student's parent, or legal guardian, before student takes part in school clubs or organizations.

Sponsor - TBD

### **H0231 - "RESTRICTS MINORS FROM ATTENDING SEXUAL EXHIBITIONS"**

Presented to the House State Affairs Committee on 02.27.23, this bill bans "sexual" performances, such as drag shows, burlesque performances, erotic dancing, and striptease shows in public venues, for minors. The bill would prevent these shows and other shows from being held at public facilities or using public assets, including at city, state, and/or county parks and city, county, or state-owned venues, concert halls, or performing arts centers.

Sponsor - TBD

### **REINTRODUCTION OF "EMPOWERING PARENTS" GRANT**

**Funded by Federal COVID Relief money**, the FY2023 "Leading Idaho" Budget provides \$30 million more funding for the "Empowering Parents Grants", a program feeding off of Governor Little's previous 2022 "Empowering Parents Grants" plan: **\$6K per student for tuition grants, with a \$12M cap (2,000 eligible students out of 306,242 students in State); 1K/child for education-related expenses.; \$3K max/family**; no income limits for eligible parents; however, the lowest-income families would receive the highest priority.

Sponsors: Senator Lori Den Hartog and Representative Wendy Horman



## IDAHO 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PARENT/CHILDREN-FIRST BILLS (Continued)

### S1042 - "CHARTER SCHOOLS – EXEMPTION OF ACADEMIC RESULTS + LOWER INTEREST RATES ON BONDS"

This bill exempts certain public charter public schools from having to demonstrate strong academic results on their ISAT tests, which reportedly prevented some schools serving 100% at-risk students from participating. It also **revises a limitation on issuing bonds** under the Public Charter School Facilities Program. Co-sponsors: Sen. Lori Den Hartog and Sen. Chuck Winder

### S1043 - "CHARTER SCHOOLS – REVOLVING LOAN FUND"

This bill would create a revolving loan fund to help new public charter schools obtain loans to construct buildings and make facility improvements, **at lower interest rates**.

Co-sponsors: Sen. Lori Den Hartog and Sen. Chuck Winder

### 1"CHARTER SCHOOLS' SUCCESS MAKES THEM A POLITICAL TARGET..."

"On October 22, 1998, President Bill Clinton, **rightfully**, signed the Federal Charter Schools Program in order to provide another choice for parents. Difficulties are starting to arise for this very popular public-education "option", given the now "trendy" WOKE influence coming out of Washington, D.C. The U. S. Department of Education has, for example, declared war on Public Charter Schools, using obscure, bureaucratic rulemaking to attempt to kill the Federal Charter-School program, without having to explain why. This "quiet" declaration of war on this great opportunity for our parents/children is brought about by:

- **Unions disapproving of Charter Schools, since Charters tend to not be unionized;**
  - **Banning some types of Charter Schools, outright;**
  - **Increasing regulations for others; and**
  - **Giving school boards, dominated by union allies, more power to block the Program's expansion."**
- 1Riley, Jason L.; "WSJ Opinion"; 12.03.22





# PARENT/SCHOOL-CHOICE BILLS SUCCESS STORIES



**Virginia** Governor Glenn Youngkin signs school-choice Bill for the parents.

*In 2021, parents' rights champions routed Democrats with the election of a new Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General.*



**Arizona** Gov. Doug Ducey vowed to the parents of Arizona: "Bring me school-choice Bills; I'll sign them."



**Florida** Gov. Ron DeSantis, seated, celebrates after signing a bill that expands eligibility for state scholarships to fund private-school tuition.

*One in four children in Florida take advantage of school-choice programs.*



**Utah** Governor Spencer Cox, left, discusses passage of new ESA bill in January 2023.

**"The Utah Education Association was more concerned that the new scholarship program will prove too popular with parents, which could pave the way for broader reforms to all parents to choose different school options for their kids."**

Dan Lips, Sr. Fellow in Education  
Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity





# ***THREE STRIKES, IDAHO YOU'RE OUT!***

Until there is major change, Idaho **does not meet** any of the below three criteria for school-choice success:



- school-choice **parents** are **well organized**,
- they enjoy solid champions in the **legislature**, and
- they have strong support from their respective **governors**.

**WITHOUT THE ABOVE THREE CRITERIA BEING MET,  
EFFORTS TO REALIZE SCHOOL CHOICE  
FOR IDAHO'S KIDS...**

**ARE "OUT", EVERYTIME!**



## THE ULTIMATE REMEDY: COMPETITION A SOLID OPTION, EVERYTIME

***“More than any other point in our history,  
Americans are open to radically rethinking how their children are educated.”***  
*Bethany Mandel, editor at Ricochet.com and **homeschool mother** on tour.*

- **GOVERNMENT-DOMINATED EDUCATION** - America's schools are being crushed under decades of legislative and union mandates. They can never succeed until the bureaucracy has been cast off and **individual inspiration, willpower, and free-enterprise/competitive forces are unleashed.**
- **SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVEMENTS** - Today's educational leaders are stepping away from universal approaches to education and are actively engaging in social justice political issues involving race, class, gender identity, and sexuality, **issues that many say should be directly dealt with by the students' parents--not the students' teachers.**
- **DISMAL U.S. EDUCATION RANKING** - According to "World Population Review", the U.S. ranked **25th in reading, math, and science scores, internationally,** with the Asian countries in the top positions.
- **MORE DISMAL - IDAHO LOSING RANKING STATUS in 2022** - "World Population Review" used an outside, objective financial review firm to quantitatively rank every state's public schools **using 33 metrics.** Among these were math, science, and reading scores, pupil-to-teacher ratio, high school graduation rates, performance, class size, funding, and instructor credentials, to name a few. The State of Idaho is losing its ranking status: **36th out of 50 in 2021 down to and 38th out of 50 in 2022** in the **"Overall Rank" category.**



**LET'S HELP OUR KIDS – NOW,  
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!**

*“Train up a child  
in the way he should go;  
even when he is old,  
he will not depart from it.”*

**Proverbs 22:6**



# ***IDAHO PARENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL CHOICE***



# ***THANK YOU!***