# SY 2012 – 2013 Idaho Improvement Planning & Implementation Workbook

District Improvement, Continuous Improvement, Rapid Improvement and School Turnaround Plans

Instructions for Idaho's Local Education Agencies



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# **Improvement Planning Overview**

# **2012-2013 Improvement Planning Deadlines**

LEAs are responsible for the quality of improvement plans submitted to the state for review. Districts are required to have a meaningful process for reviewing and providing feedback in the school improvement planning process.

### District Improvement Plans.....

March 1, 2013

(Required for Districts in Improvement Year 1 and beyond)

- SMART Goals (submitted via WISE Tool dashboard)
- WISE Tool Plan (submitted via WISE Tool dashboard)
- Alignment of Evaluation and State Funding Plans (submitted via WISE Tool dashboard)
- District Compliance Checklist
- Assurance Pages

## District Turnaround Support Plan.

March 1, 2013

(Required for Districts with Schools in Turnaround Planning)

- District Support Plan of Turnaround Schools (accessed through the District WISE Tool Plan via WISE Tool dashboard)
- District Support of Turnaround Schools Supplemental Plan (submitted via WISE Tool dashboard)
- District Support Plan of Turnaround Schools Compliance Checklist

# Continuous Improvement Plan.....

March 1, 2013

- SMART Goals (submitted via WISE Tool dashboard)
- WISE Tool Plan (submitted via WISE Tool dashboard)
- Alignment of Evaluation and State Funding Plans (submitted via WISE Tool dashboard)
- Continuous Improvement Plan Compliance Checklist
- District Approved Continuous Improvement Plan Scoring Rubric
- Assurance Pages (Submitted by the district)

## Rapid Improvement Plan .....

March 1, 2013

- SMART Goals (submitted via WISE Tool dashboard)
- WISE Tool Plan (submitted via WISE Tool dashboard)
- Alignment of Evaluation and State Funding Plans (submitted via WISE Tool dashboard)
- Rapid Improvement Plan Compliance Checklist
- District Approved Rapid Improvement Plan Scoring Rubric
- Assurance Pages (Submitted by the district)

## School Turnaround Plans.....

March 1, 2013

- SMART Goals (submitted via WISE Tool dashboard)
- WISE Tool Plan (submitted via WISE Tool dashboard)
- School Turnaround Plan (submitted via WISE Tool dashboard)
- Alignment of Evaluation and State Funding Plans (submitted via WISE Tool dashboard)
- School Turnaround Plan Compliance Checklist
- District Approved School Turnaround Plan Scoring Rubric
- Assurance Pages (Submitted by the district)

### Plans Marked Need Revision – District Improvement Plans.....

June 1, 2013

• Revisions are required by the date listed (including resubmission of all required documents).

## Plans Marked Need Revisions – School Plans (Continuous, Rapid & Turnaround)

■ The district will be notified if a school is marked as "Needs Revision". Once notified the District is required to submit a letter to the SDE, within 30 days of receiving the State Rubric feedback, acknowledging and describing the steps the district will take to provide the school additional review, feedback and technical assistance.

# 2012-2013 Improvement Planning Overview

The purpose of an improvement plan is to improve the quality of teaching and learning in districts, schools, and classrooms. Improvement plans provide the framework for analyzing problems, identifying underlying causes, and addressing instructional issues in a school or district that has not made sufficient progress in student achievement and other student outcomes, such as advanced opportunities, graduation rates, and adequate growth over time.

An improvement plan should embody a comprehensive, highly structured specific and focused set of actions that primarily address the instructional core. The plan should incorporate strategies that are well grounded in applicable research and which are most likely to build the characteristics of effective schools. Improvement plans need to address the entire system but also resolve areas of concern identified in specific academic areas of performance that are weak.

This workbook outlines multiple types of plans at the school and district levels. The ISDE is emphasizing differentiated improvement planning requirements in order to match the performance needs at each level. The official lists of districts and schools required to submit improvement plans in the 2012-2013 cycle can be found on the State Department of Education website at: <a href="http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/schoolImprovement/">http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/schoolImprovement/</a>.

# 2012 - 2013 Improvement Plan Review Cycle

School
Improvement
Plans MUST be
reviewed by the
District prior to
submission to
the state.

A sampling of the 2012-2013 District Improvement Plans will be reviewed by the State following the March 1, 2013 submission. Rubric feedback will be provided to Districts following the review.

Any District Improvement Plans marked as "needs revision" must be revised and resubmitted for additional review by June 1, 2013.

Districts are responsible for the quality of School Improvement Plans submitted to the State. **Districts MUST have a** 

documented, meaningful and thorough process for reviewing and providing feedback on School Improvement Plans prior to submission to the ISDE. Once the School Improvement Plan has been reviewed and approved by the district, the district must submit Assurances Pages to the ISDE by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. These Assurances verify that the district has reviewed, provided feedback, and approved School Improvement Plans. Following district approval, the ISDE will review each Rapid Improvement and Turnaround Plan as well as a sampling of Continuous Improvement Plans selected for a verification review. Rubric feedback will be provided to the district and school for each plan reviewed.

Any School Improvement Plan marked as "Needs Revision" will need to be revised and resubmitted through the district's process of review. Since it is the district's responsibility to ensure that an approvable school improvement plan is in place, the district is required to submit a letter acknowledging and describing the steps the district will take to provide the school

additional review, feedback and technical assistance. The letter, including a timeline, must be submitted to the ISDE within 30 days of receiving notification that the plan needs revision.

All District and School Improvement Plans will be submitted in the WISE Tool for the 2012-2013 review cycle. The WISE Tool can be accessed at the website for the Center on Innovation and Improvement or through the following link: <a href="http://www.centerii.org/SchoolRestructuring/login.aspx">http://www.centerii.org/SchoolRestructuring/login.aspx</a>. If you would like to have an account set up in the WISE Tool or training/assistance in using the tool, please contact Shasta Oswald by email at <a href="mailto:soswald@sde.idaho.gov">soswald@sde.idaho.gov</a> or by phone at (208) 426-2154.

Note: Districts will utilize the Consolidated Federal and State Grant Application Tool (CFSGA), formerly the CIP, for the Title I Consolidated Plan, but must submit their District Improvement Plan in the WISE Tool.

# **Improvement Plan Submission**

Improvement Plans are due by 5:00 p.m. (Mountain Time Zone) on March 1, 2013. Please note Assurance Pages, and all required documents must be received by the deadline. Early plans are gladly accepted! You may **email or fax** (no snail mail please) your signed Assurance Pages and documents to:

Improvement
Plans are due by
5:00 p.m. on
March 1, 2013.

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Fax: (208) 334-2228

The DISTRICT is required to submit ONE set of Assurance Pages for all district and school level plans, rather than each school submitting a separate set of assurances. The Assurance pages can be found on pages 63-64 of this document, and on the Dashboard of the WISE Tool, or at <a href="http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/schoolImprovement/">http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/schoolImprovement/</a>.

Once the submit buttons have been clicked in the WISE Tool, and the Assurance Pages along with all required documents have been received, Improvement Plans are considered ready for the 2012-2013 review.

Specific submission requirements for each planning level (both in the WISE tool and additional documentation) can be found on the appropriate Compliance Checklists located in this workbook.

# **How Do Star Ratings Effect Improvement Planning?**

Districts and schools will always look at two things: the most recent star rating and previous improvement planning requirements. This is similar to how school improvement worked in the

past. For example, under the previous NCLB requirements schools and districts would be identified for improvement based on AYP ratings that changed from year to year. Specifically it took two years of missing AYP to be identified for improvement status. Similarly, it took two years of making AYP to be removed from the improvement status timeline. Hence, AYP was a yearly determination but improvement status was based on AYP plus progress over time.

It is important to note that annual star ratings are the foundation of but are not equal to the improvement planning categories. A common misunderstanding that people have expressed has been that improvement planning categories and stars are the same thing. The star rating is a yearly determination but the improvement planning category will be based on the star rating plus progress over time. A flowchart to help schools identify the improvement planning category they are in can be found on page 13 of this document. Further information regarding the star system can be accessed through this link: <u>Understanding the Star Rating System</u> or found on the following website: <a href="http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/esea/">http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/esea/</a>.

# **2012-2013 District Level Improvement Plans**

District improvement plan requirements for the 2012-2013 school year will continue to be based on school improvement status. Any district in improvement status is required to submit.

# **Summary Process for Completing and Submitting District Improvement Plans**

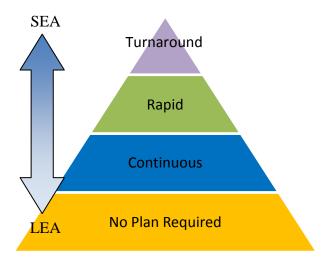
- 1. The District Improvement Team completes the following WISE Tool requirements:
  - a. SMART Goals
  - b. Ways to Improve School Effectiveness (WISE) Indicators
  - c. Alignment of Evaluation and State Funding Plan
- 2. The District submits the District Improvement Plan Compliance Checklist.
- 3. The District submits one set of signed Assurance Pages, assuring for all required district/school plans to the ISDE by March 1, 2013.

# **Summary Process for Completing and Submitting District Support of School Turnaround Plans**

Districts with schools identified for Turnaround School Planning will have the following requirements:

- 1. The District Improvement team completes the following WISE Tool requirements:
  - a. District Support of Turnaround Schools Supplemental Plan
  - b. District Support of Turnaround Schools WISE Tool Indicators
- 2. The District submits the District Support of Turnaround Schools Compliance Checklist.
- 3. The District submits one set of signed Assurance Pages, assuring for all required district/school plans to the ISDE by March 1, 2013.

# 2012-2013 School Level Improvement Plans



School level plans are based on a continuum of performance over time with varying levels of LEA and SEA intervention and support structures. Schools with four and five star ratings are not required to submit School Improvement Plans so all the direction is at the school and LEA level. Moving along the continuum, the requirements for schools in Continuous Improvement will be less directed by the SEA than those in Rapid Improvement; however, the furthest end of the spectrum is Turnaround Planning at which point the State Department of Education will be highly involved in the planning process.

The official lists of schools required to submit improvement plans and the level of planning required for 2012-2013 can be found on the State Department of Education website at: http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/schoolImprovement/.

# **Requirements of ALL School Improvement Plans**

Each of the three school improvement planning categories has their own specific requirements in regards to WISE Tool indicators. In addition to the separate planning components, the following are required for ALL plans:

- 1. SMART Goals
- 2. Alignment of Evaluation and State Funding Plan

More information regarding each of these requirements can be found in the School Planning section of this workbook.

# **Continuous Improvement Plan**

The majority of schools in improvement planning fall into this Continuous Improvement Planning Category. Schools that fall into the requirements of Continuous Improvement are required to continuously assess, plan, and monitor a minimum of 5 indicators in the WISE Tool. Initially, the school will select five indicators. As each indicator is completed a new indicator should be added, resulting in continuously working on five indicators. Districts and schools will select indicators to include in the plan based on the specific needs of the school. Plans that are submitted for review should reflect a year-long effort in improvement.

# **Summary Process for Completing and Submitting Continuous Improvement Plans:**

- 1. School improvement teams continuously assess, create plans for, and monitor the implementation of a minimum of 5 indicators in the WISE Tool.
- 2. School improvement teams submit the Continuous Improvement requirements to the district for review.
- 3. The district review committee reviews the plan and provides feedback to the school improvement team.
- 4. If needed, appropriate changes are made to the plan and resubmitted to the district until approved.
- 5. Upon district approval, the school will submit the following to the Idaho State Department of Education:
  - a) Ways to Improve School Effectiveness (WISE) Indicators
  - b) Continuous Improvement Plan Compliance Checklist
  - c) District approved Continuous Improvement Plan Scoring Rubric
- 6. The District submits one set of signed Assurance Pages assuring for all required district and school plans to the ISDE by March 1, 2013.
- 7. A sampling of Continuous Improvement Plans will be reviewed by the ISDE.

# **Rapid Improvement Plan**

Since initial identification for the Rapid Improvement Plan category is the result of lower performance and a lack of progress over two years, the Rapid Improvement Plan requires planning and implementation of certain principles over the course of the following three years, regardless of subsequent annual Star Rating changes<sup>1</sup>. These principles build on each other sequentially. Over the course of three years, the school must:

- A. Provide strong leadership and decision making procedures by (1) establishing a team structure with specific duties and time for instructional planning; (2) focusing the principal's role on building leadership capacity, achieving learning goals, and improving instruction; and (3) aligning classroom observations with evaluation criteria and professional development.
- B. Strengthen collaborative, data-driven decision making surrounding the instructional core by focusing on improved curriculum, assessment, and instructional planning in ways that (1) engage teachers in aligning instruction with standards and benchmarks; (2) engage teachers in assessing and monitoring student mastery; (3) engage teachers in differentiating and aligning learning activities; and (4) assess student learning frequently with standards-based assessments.
- C. Improve classroom instruction practices by expecting and monitoring sound instructional methods that are delivered in a variety of modes and sound classroom management.
- D. Cultivate higher levels of family and community engagement through effective, two-way communication between the school and home and the school and community that centers on shared responsibility for the education of all students.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A school may exit the requirements of the Rapid Improvement Plan category after two years if the school has attained a Three Star Rating or higher for each of those years consecutively.

# **Summary Process for Completing and Submitting Rapid Improvement Plans:**

- 1. School improvement teams assess, create plans for, and monitor the implementation of the required indicators in the WISE Tool.
- 2. School improvement teams submit the Rapid Improvement requirements to the district for review.
- 3. The district review committee reviews the plan and provides feedback to the school improvement team.
- 4. If needed, appropriate changes are made to the plan and resubmitted to the district until approved.
- 5. Upon district approval, the school will submit the following to the State Department:
  - a. Ways to Improve School Effectiveness (WISE) Indicators
  - b. Rapid Improvement Plan Compliance Checklist
  - c. District approved Rapid Improvement Plan Scoring Rubric
- 6. The District submits one set of signed Assurance Pages assuring for all required district and school plans to the ISDE by March 1, 2013.
- 7. All Rapid Improvement Plans will be reviewed by the ISDE.

## **School Turnaround Plan**

The School Turnaround Plan is a multi-level process that includes expectations for planning and implementation at both the district and school levels. The district must select a Turnaround Model regarding the school's governance design, complete WISE Tool planning indicators related to the turnaround process, and provide support with the implementation and monitoring of School Turnaround Plans. The options for LEA governed schools are the Transformation Model, Staffing Turnaround Model, Restart Model, School Closure, and the Governance Partnership Model<sup>2</sup>. Further specifics regarding district requirements for school turnaround planning can be found in the District Support of Turnaround Schools section of this workbook.

Since initial identification for the Turnaround Plan category is the result of substantially low performance and a lack of progress over two years, the Turnaround Plan requires planning and implementation of turnaround principles in such schools over the course of the following three years, regardless of subsequent annual Star Rating changes<sup>3</sup>. Each of the three years has separate WISE Tool indicator requirements which are outlined in more detail in the School Turnaround Planning section of this workbook. Additionally, the turnaround principles which the district and school work on are designed to build on each other sequentially. Over the course of three years, the district and school must:

1. Provide strong leadership by: (1) reviewing the performance of the current principal; (2) either replacing the principal if such a change is necessary to ensure strong and effective leadership, or demonstrating to the SEA that the current principal has a track record in improving achievement and has the ability to lead the turnaround effort; and (3) providing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Special Rule for District Charter Schools: For a district charter school, renegotiate and significantly restructure the school's charter pending approval by the State Charter School Commission in order to implement the Turnaround Principles or revoke the charter and close the district charter school.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A school may exit the requirements of the Turnaround Plan category after two years if the school has attained a Three Star Rating or higher for each of those years consecutively.

- the principal with operational flexibility in the areas of scheduling, staff, curriculum, and budget;
- 2. Ensure that teachers are effective and able to improve instruction by: (1) reviewing the quality of all staff and retaining only those who are determined to be effective and have the ability to be successful in the turnaround effort; (2) preventing ineffective teachers from transferring to these schools; and (3) providing job-embedded, ongoing professional development informed by the teacher evaluation and support systems and tied to teacher and student needs;
- 3. Redesign the school day, week, or year to include additional time for student learning and teacher collaboration;
- 4. Strengthen the school's instructional program based on student needs and ensuring that the instructional program is research-based, rigorous, and aligned with State academic content standards;
- 5. Use data to inform instruction and for continuous improvement, including by providing time for collaboration on the use of data:
- 6. Establish a school environment that improves school safety and discipline and addressing other non-academic factors that impact student achievement, such as students' social, emotional, and health needs; and
- 7. Provide ongoing mechanisms for family and community engagement.

The coordination of the district and school level planning and implementation processes are the foundation for the significant changes in school governance that are necessary to improve student outcomes. It is the ISDE's top priority to support districts in their work turning around the performance of their school(s). Therefore, the coordination between school and district level planning and implementation will be a key component of the ISDE's monitoring and technical assistance processes.

### **Permissible Turnaround Models:**

### **Transformation Model**

Addresses areas critical to transforming persistently low-achieving schools. These areas include: developing teacher and principal leader effectiveness (depending on the track record of the principal, this could mean replacing the current administrator), implementing comprehensive instructional reform strategies, extending learning time and creating community connections, and providing operating flexibility and sustained support.

#### **Turnaround Model**

Includes, among other actions, replacing the principal and rehiring up to 50% of the school's staff, adopting a new governance structure, and implementing an instructional program that is research-based and vertically aligned from one grade to the next as well as aligned with the State's academic standards.

### Restart Model

The district converts the district public school to a charter school or closes and reopens it under the management of an education management organization (EMO) that has been selected through a rigorous review process. Such a school is still entirely accountable to the local school board for the results it produces.

#### **School Closure**

The district closes the school and enrolls the students who attended the school in other higher-achieving schools in the district

#### **Governance Partnership Model**

The district partners with an external entity to implement the Turnaround Principles and transform the governance of the school. This may include:

- Agreeing to utilize services provided directly to the district by the state in lieu of a state takeover in which a diagnostic review is conducted and services are tailored specifically to the context of the school and district;
- Purchasing the services of a lead turnaround partner that will utilize research-based strategies that have a proven record of success with similar schools, and which shall be a key participant and decision-maker in all aspects of developing and collaborative executing the turnaround plan.

### **Special Rule for District Charter Schools**

For a district charter school, renegotiate and significantly restructure the school's charter pending approval by the State Charter School Commission in order to implement the Turnaround Principles or revoke the charter and close the district charter school.

# **Summary Process for Completing and Submitting School Turnaround Plans:**

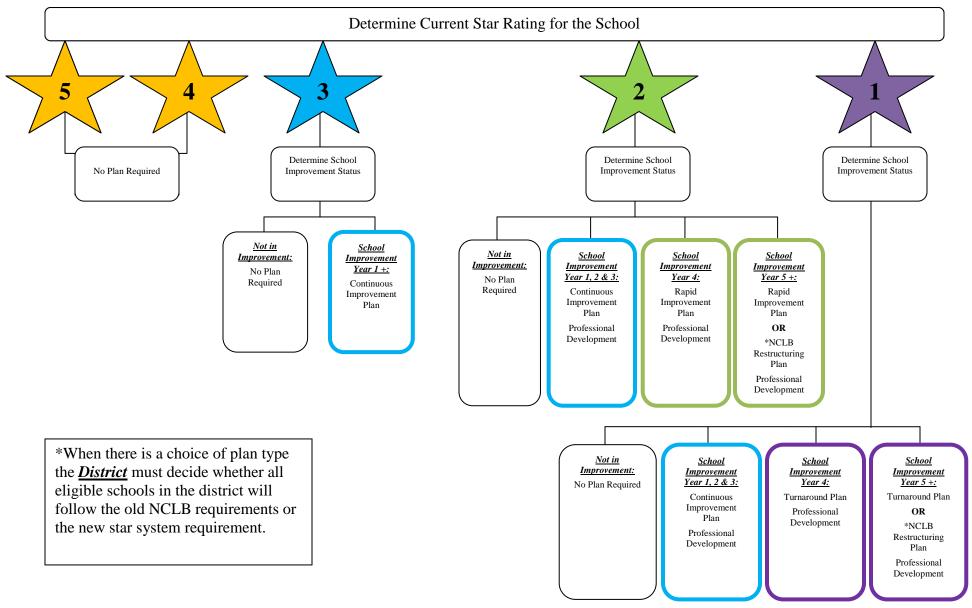
# **School Requirements:**

- 1. School improvement teams continuously assess, create plans for, and monitor the implementation of the required indicators in the WISE Tool and the Turnaround indicators.
- 2. School improvement teams submit the School Turnaround requirements to the district for review.
- 3. The district review committee reviews the plan and provides feedback to the school improvement team.
- 4. If needed, appropriate changes are made to the plan and resubmitted to the district until approved.
- 5. Upon district approval, the school will submit the following to the State Department:
  - a. Ways to Improve School Effectiveness (WISE) Indicators
  - b. School Turnaround Plan Compliance Checklist
  - c. District approved School Turnaround Plan Scoring Rubric
- 6. The District submits one set of signed Assurance Pages assuring for all required district and school plans to the State by March 1, 2013. All School Turnaround Plans will be reviewed by the State.

# **District Requirements:**

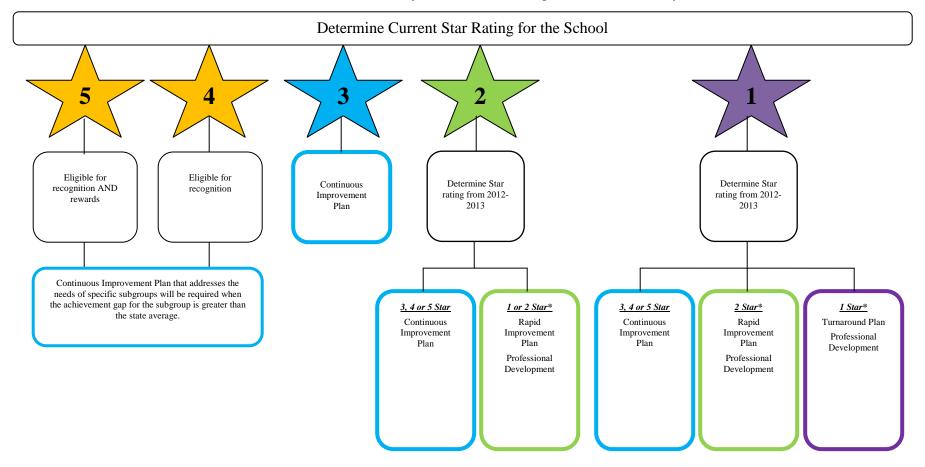
- 1. The District Improvement team completes the following WISE Tool requirements:
  - a. District Support of Turnaround Schools WISE Tool Indicators
  - b. District Support of Turnaround Schools Supplemental Plan
- 2. The District submits the District Support of Turnaround Schools compliance checklist.
- 3. The District submits one set of signed Assurance Pages assuring for all required district and school plans to the State by March 1, 2013. All School Turnaround Plans will be reviewed by the State.

# Flow Chart for Transitional School Improvement Planning 2012-2013



# Flow Chart for School Improvement Planning 2013-2014

This flow chart is for reference only. Not for use during 2012-2013 school year.



\*Schools requiring a Rapid Improvement Plan or a Turnaround Plan will continue these requirements for three (3) years, regardless of annual change of star rating. If a school achieves a higher star rating for two (2) consecutive years, the requirements will change accordingly.

# **District Planning Documents**

# **District Improvement Plan**

# **District Improvement Plan Compliance Checklist**

# **Required for each District Improvement Plan:**

A)	) SMART Goals:				
	☐ A minimum of 1 SMART (	Goal required – must be fo	cused on student achievement.		
B)	) A comprehensive needs assessment that is based on information about student achievement in relation to state content and achievement standards.				
	☐ Assess and prioritize all 32	WISE Indicators			
C)	Plan for the following by indicator	category			
	Improving the School within the	Framework of District St	ipport		
	☐ Plan for a minimum of 4 of	the following indicators:			
	IA 01	IA 07	IA 13		
	IA 02	IA 08	——— IA 14		
	IA 03	IA 09	——— IA 15		
	IA 04	IA 10	IA 16		
	IA 05	IA 11	<del></del>		
	IA 06	IA 12			
	Taking the Change Process into A	Account			
	☐ Districts must plan for indic				
	☐ Plan for a minimum of 2 of	P			
	☐ DISTRICTS with schools in	n Improvement Planning (	Continuous, Rapid or Turnaround) must		
	also plan for indicators IB0	7 and IB08			
	IB 07	IB 11	A maximum of 5 indicators		
	IB 08	IB 12	marked as "fully implemented"		
	IB 09		can count towards the 11 total district indicators required for		
			the WISE Tool plan.		
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# **District Improvement Plan Compliance Checklist Continued**

Clarifying District-School Exp	ectations	
☐ Plan for a minimum of 3	3 of the following indicators:	
IC 01	IC 04	IC 07
IC 02	IC 05	IC 08
IC 03	IC 06	IC 09
<ul><li>D) Additional Requirements:</li><li></li></ul>	t of Evaluation and State Fundir	ng Plan (on WISE Tool Dashboard)
Submission Process		
• •	plan, click the "submit" button	
	istrict Improvement Plan Compl surance Pages by March 1, 2013	
You may <b>fax or email</b> these docume	ents to:	
Attn: Shasta Oswald		
School Improvement Specia	list	
soswald@sde.idaho.gov		

Fax: (208) 334-2228

# **WISE Tool District Indicators**

# **Improving The School Within The Framework Of District Support**

- IA01 The district includes municipal and civic leaders in district and school improvement planning and maintains regular communication with them.
- IA02 The district includes community organizations in district and school improvement planning and maintains regular communication with them.
- IA03 The district includes parent organizations in district and school improvement planning and maintains regular communication with them.
- IA04 The district provides incentives for staff who work effectively in hard-to-staff and restructured schools.
- IA05 The district contracts with external service providers for key services in restructured schools.
- IA06 The district provides schools with technology, training, and support for integrated data collection, reporting, and analysis systems.
- IA07 The district sets district, school, and student subgroup achievement targets.
- IA08 The school board and superintendent present a unified vision for school improvement.
- IA09 The superintendent and other central office staff are accountable for school improvement and student learning outcomes.
- IA10 The district regularly reallocates resources to support school, staff, and instructional improvement.
- IA11 The district ensures that key pieces of user-friendly data are available in a timely fashion at the district, school, and classroom levels.
- IA12 The district intervenes early when a school is not making adequate progress.
- IA13 The district works with the school to provide early and intensive intervention for students not making progress.
- IA14 The district recruits, trains, supports, and places personnel to competently address the problems of schools in need of improvement.
- IA15 The district has a comprehensive plan that includes testing each student at least 3 times each year to determine progress toward standards-based objectives.
- IA16 The district utilizes a central database that includes each student's test scores, placement information, demographic information, attendance, behavior indicators, and other variables useful to teachers.

# **Taking The Change Process Into Account**

- IB01 The district operates with district-level and school-level improvement teams.
- IB02 The district examines existing school improvement strategies being implemented across the district and determines their value, expanding, modifying, and culling as evidence suggests.
- IB07 The district ensures that school improvement and restructuring plans include research-based, field-proven programs, practices, and models.
- IB08 The district ensures that school improvement and restructuring plans include a clear vision of what the school will look like when restructured or substantially improved.
- IB09 The district ensures that an empowered change agent (typically the principal) is appointed to head each restructuring school.
- IB11 The district ensures that school improvement and restructuring plans include "quick wins," early successes in improvement.
- IB12 The district is prepared for setbacks, resistance, and obstacles on the path to substantial improvement.

# **Clarifying District-School Expectations**

- IC01 The school reports and documents its progress monthly to the superintendent, and the superintendent reports the school's progress to the school board.
- IC02 The district designates a central office contact person for the school, and that person maintains close communication with the school and an interest in its progress.
- IC03 District and school decision makers meet at least twice a month to discuss the school's progress.
- IC04 District policies and procedures clarify the scope of site-based decision making granted a school and are summarized in a letter of understanding.
- IC05 The district provides a cohesive district curriculum guide aligned with state standards or otherwise places curricular expectation on the school.
- IC06 The district provides the technology, training, and support to facilitate the school's data management needs.

	Clarifying District-School Expectations Continued				
IC07	Professional development is built into the school schedule by the district, but the school is allowed discretion in selecting training and consultation that fit the requirements of its improvement/restructuring plan and its evolving needs.				
IC08	Staff development is built into the schedule for support staff (e.g., aides, clerks, custodians, cooks) as well as classroom teachers.				
IC09	The student report card shows the student's progress in meeting learning standards.				

Note: Highlighted indicators are new as of the 2012-2013 school year.

# **SMART Goals**

SMART Goals are a requirement for all levels of improvement planning for districts and schools, and are located on the WISE Tool dashboard under "Forms to Complete". The SDE requires a minimum of one goal to be developed for yearly improvement planning, but three to five are recommended. For the purposes of improvement planning, these over-arching goals are connected directly to any area of concern in order to ensure students are on track to meet college and career readiness standards (e.g., Reading, Math, Subgroup Populations, Graduation Rate, etc.). As you plan in the WISE Tool, selected indicators and tasks will support the accomplishment of these SMART Goals.

S: Specific

M: Measurable

A: Attainable

R: Relevant

T: Time-bound

**Specific Goals:** Include specific action words that clearly define the expected outcome. Words such as *increase*, *develop*, *design*, *provide*, and *improve* are useful in developing a SMART goal. Avoid setting goals that are too general or vague. A specific goal will usually answer the questions: *who*, *what*, *when*, *and where*? They also keep the rationale, or *why*, in mind.

**Measurable Goals:** A measurable goal has concrete criteria for measuring progress toward the attainment of the goal. If a goal is not measurable, it is not possible to know whether a team is making progress toward successful

completion. A measurable goal will usually answer questions such as: *How much? How many? How will we know when it is accomplished?* 

**Attainable Goals:** While challenging students/staff to be their best, the goals set must be within their reach. Consider if students will realistically be able to meet the goal within the time frame set.

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Prior to writing SMART Goals, please complete the following under SMART goals in the WISE Tool by checking all that apply in regards to which of the Idaho's Accountability Measures were not met by your district:

Measure	St	andard		
Achievement		Reading	Math	Language
Growth to Achievement – All Students		Reading	Math	Language
Growth to Achievement – At Risk Subgroup		Reading	Math	Language
Postsecondary and Career Readiness		Graduation Rate	Advanced Opportunities	College Entrance/Placement
Participation		Participation Rate		

# Alignment of Evaluation and State Funding Plan

The following questions are from the Alignment of Evaluation and State Funding Plan. Each district identified for improvement planning is required to complete and submit this Plan via the WISE Tool dashboard. This section should be completed after developing your overall plan for improvement.

- 1. Briefly describe how the use of State funds for teachers and leaders (i.e., hard-to-fill, leadership, and pay for performance) aligns with the plan for improvement.
- 2. Briefly describe how the school has aligned State funding opportunities for dual credit, technology, and remediation (if applicable) to the plan for improvement.
- 3. Briefly describe how the teacher and administrator evaluation process will be used to enhance the plan for improvement.

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District:	As a result of the review, the overall plan:
Reviewer:	☐ Approved ☐ Needs Revision
The following scoring rubric has been developed in order Improvement Plans. The completed scoring rubric is desiteams as to where their plan is exemplary, and where they efforts.	igned to provide feedback to district leadership
At least one SMART Goal focusing on student achieve	ement has been completed: ☐ Yes ☐ No
A minimum of 11 indicators have been planned for: (A implemented can count towards the 11 total district indications)	
The Alignment of Evaluation and State Funding Plan h	nas been completed: □ Yes □ No

·		Exceptional	Acceptable	Needs Revision
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Improving the School within the Framework of District Support Indicators IA01-IA16						
All indicators in this category have been assessed: ☐ Yes ☐ No						
A minimum of 4 indicators have been planned for in this category: $\square$ Yes $\square$ No						
Assess	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Plan	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
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Reviewer Notes:						
Clarifying District an Indicators IC01-IC09	d School Expectation	S				
All indicators in this	category have been as	ssessed:  Yes	No			
At least 3 indicators i	J .		Yes □ No			
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# District Support of Turnaround Schools Plan

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B)			and Schools" indicators within the tep 4 of the District WISE Tool Plar		
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	DTA 02	DTA 05	DTA 08		
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C)	Approve each School Turnaround School Turnaround Plans.	l Plan. Districts need to assure a	alignment to the District Support of		
D)	Additional Requirements:		$\beta$		
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Yo	u may <u>fax or email</u> these documer	nts to:			
	Attn: Shasta Oswald				
	School Improvement Speciali	ist			
	soswald@sde.idaho.gov				
	Fax: (208) 334-2228				

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# **District Support of Turnaround Schools WISE Tool Indicators**

	District Preparation for Turnaround Schools					
DTA01	For each school in the turnaround plan category, the district ensures that the chosen Turnaround Model option (e.g., transformation model, Restart, etc.) reflects the particular strengths and weaknesses of the school.					
DTA02	The LEA examines its policies and makes modifications as needed to provide operational flexibility for principals in order to support school turnaround plans in key areas (e.g., scheduling, staff, curriculum, and budget).					
DTA03	The LEA reviews the capacity of principals in schools required to implement turnaround plans and determines whether an existing principal has the necessary competencies to lead the turnaround effort (e.g., based on his/her track record or leadership capacity) or whether the principal needs to be replaced with a stronger, more effective leader.					
DTA04	The LEA ensures that a school leadership team made up of the principal and diverse staff representatives is in place and meets regularly to make decisions of substance in schools required to implement turnaround plans.					
DTA05	For schools required to implement turnaround plans, the LEA aligns professional development with identified needs as based upon staff evaluation results, student performance, and other pertinent sources of data.					
DTA06	The LEA reviews the quality of all staff members in schools required to implement turnaround plans and retains only those who have the ability to support the turnaround plan.					
DTA07	The LEA has policies and practices in place that prevent ineffective teachers from transferring to schools that are required to implement turnaround plans.					
DTA08	The LEA allocates resources (e.g., financial and human capital) to support extended learning time in schools required to submit turnaround plans.					

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- 1. Enter School Name:
- 2. Turnaround Model Information
  - a. Turnaround Model Selected
    Transformation Model
    Turnaround Model
    Restart Model
    School Closure
    Governance Partnership Model
    Special Rule for District Charter Schools
  - b. What is the rationale for the option selected for this school?

# District Support of Turnaround Schools Plan – Scoring Rubric To be completed by districts with schools identified as Turnaround Schools.

District: Reviewer:	As a result of the review, overall the District Support of Turnaround Schools Plan:  □ Approved □ Needs Revision
The District Support of Turnaround Schools Supplement each identified Turnaround School: ☐ Yes ☐ No	ital Plan has been sufficiently completed for
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District Preparation for Turnaround Schools Indicators DTA01-DTA08					
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Plan	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable	
Monitor	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable	
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# **School Planning Documents**

# **All School Level Plans**

# **Requirements of ALL School Improvement Plans**

Each of the three school improvement planning categories (Continuous Improvement, Rapid Improvement, and School Turnaround) has their own specific requirements in regards to the WISE Tool indicators, which are outlined in the appropriate sections of this workbook. This section, however, is made up of the documents/requirements that are common to all levels of school plans. In this section you will find information for the following:

- School Level WISE Tool Indicators
- SMART Goals
- Alignment of Evaluation and State Funding Plan

# WISE Tool School Indicators

# **District Context and the Improvement Plan**

# Establishing a team structure with specific duties and time for instructional planning

- ID01 A team structure is officially incorporated into the school improvement plan and school governance policy.
- ID02 All teams have written statements of purpose and by-laws for their operation.
- ID03 All teams operate with work plans for the year and specific work products to produce.
- ID04 All teams prepare agendas for their meetings.
- ID05 All teams maintain official minutes of their meetings.
- ID06 The principal maintains a file of the agendas, work products, and minutes of all teams.
- ID07 A Leadership Team consisting of the principal, teachers who lead the Instructional Teams, and other key professional staff meets regularly (twice a month or more for an hour each meeting).
- ID08 The Leadership Team serves as a conduit of communication to the faculty and staff.
- ID09 The Leadership Team shares in decisions of real substance pertaining to curriculum, instruction, and professional development.
- ID10 The school's Leadership Team regularly looks at school performance data and aggregated classroom observation data and uses that data to make decisions about school improvement and professional development needs.
- ID11 Teachers are organized into grade-level, grade-level cluster, or subject-area Instructional Teams.
- ID13 Instructional Teams meet for blocks of time (4 to 6 hour blocks, once a month; whole days before and after the school year) sufficient to develop and refine units of instruction and review student learning data.

# **District Context and the Improvement Plan**

Focusing the principal's role on building leadership capacity, achieving learning goals, and improving instruction

- The principal makes sure everyone understands the school's mission, clear goals (short term and long term), and their roles in meeting the goals.
- IE02 The principal develops the leadership capacity of others in the school.
- IE05 The principal participates actively with the school's teams.
- IE06 The principal keeps a focus on instructional improvement and student learning outcomes.
- IE07 The principal monitors curriculum and classroom instruction regularly.
- IE08 The principal spends at least 50% of his/her time working directly with teachers to improve instruction, including classroom observations.
- IE09 The principal challenges, supports and monitors the correction of unsound teaching practices.
- IE10 The principal celebrates individual, team, and school successes, especially related to student learning outcomes.
- IE12 The principal personally engages parents and the community in the improvement process.
- IE13 The principal offers frequent opportunities for staff and parents to voice constructive critique of the school's progress and suggestions for improvement.

## **District Context and the Improvement Plan**

### Aligning classroom observations with evaluation criteria and professional development

- IF01 The principal compiles reports from classroom observations, showing aggregate areas of strength and areas that need improvement without revealing the identity of individual teachers.
- IF02 The Leadership Team reviews the principal's summary reports of classroom observations and takes them into account in planning professional development.
- IF03 Professional development for teachers includes observations by the principal related to indicators of effective teaching and classroom management.
- IF04 Professional development for teachers includes observations by peers related to indicators of effective teaching and classroom management.
- IF05 Professional development for teachers includes self-assessment related to indicators of effective teaching and classroom management.
- IF06 Teachers are required to make individual professional development plans based on classroom observations.
- IF07 Professional development of individual teachers includes an emphasis on indicators of effective teaching.
- IF08 Professional development for the whole faculty includes assessment of strengths and areas in need of improvement from classroom observations of indicators of effective teaching.
- IF10 The principal plans opportunities for teachers to share their strengths with other teachers.

	Curriculum, Assessment, and Instructional Planning Engaging teachers in aligning instruction with standards and benchmarks	
IIA01	Instructional Teams develop standards-aligned units of instruction for each subject and grade level.	
IIA02	Units of instruction include standards-based objectives and criteria for mastery.	
IIA03	Objectives are leveled to target learning to each student's demonstrated prior mastery based on multiple points of	
	data (i.e., unit tests and student work).	

Curriculum, Assessment, and Instructional Planning Engaging teachers in assessing and monitoring student mastery	
IIB01	Units of instruction include pre-/post-tests to assess student mastery of standards-based objectives.
IIB02	Unit pre-tests and post-tests are administered to all students in the grade level and subject covered by the unit of
	instruction.
IIB03	Unit pre-test and post-test results are reviewed by the Instructional Team.
IIB04	Teachers individualize instruction based on pre-test results to provide support for some students and enhanced
	learning opportunities for others.
IIB05	Teachers re-teach based on post-test results.

	Curriculum, Assessment, and Instructional Planning Engaging teachers in differentiating and aligning learning activities
IIC01	Units of instruction include specific learning activities aligned to objectives.
IIC03	Materials for standards-aligned learning activities are well organized, labeled, and stored for convenient use by
	teachers.

	Curriculum, Assessment, and Instructional Planning Assessing student learning frequently with standards based assessments
IID02	The school tests each student at least 3 times each year to determine progress toward standards-based objectives.
IID03	Teachers receive timely reports of results from standardized and objectives-based tests.
IID04	The school maintains a central database that includes each student's test scores, placement information,
	demographic information, attendance, behavior indicators, and other variables useful to teachers.
IID06	Yearly learning goals are set for the school by the Leadership Team, utilizing student learning data.
IID07	The Leadership Team monitors school-level student learning data.
IID08	Instructional Teams use student learning data to assess strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum and
	instructional strategies.
IID09	Instructional Teams use student learning data to plan instruction.
IID10	Instructional Teams use student learning data to identify students in need of instructional support or enhancement.
IID11	Instructional Teams review the results of unit pre-/post-tests to make decisions about the curriculum and
	instructional plans and to "red flag" students in need of intervention (both students in need of tutoring or extra help
	and students needing enhanced learning opportunities because of early mastery of objectives).
IID12	The school maintains an official document that clearly defines the curriculum and instruction for each level of
	prevention and support in core content areas and social behavior.
IID13	All teachers are guided by an evidence-based core curriculum.
IID14	The Leadership Team ensures that there is a multi-level system of prevention and support for core content areas.
IID15	The school leadership team evaluates the school schedule yearly and redesigns the schedule to include time for
	extended learning opportunities for students.

	Classroom Instruction  Expecting and monitoring sound instruction in a variety of modes - Preparation		
IIIA01	All teachers are guided by a document that aligns standards, curriculum, instruction, and assessment.		
IIIA02	All teachers develop weekly lesson plans based on aligned units of instruction.		
IIIA05	All teachers maintain a record of each student's mastery of specific learning objectives.		
IIIA06	All teachers test frequently using a variety of evaluation methods and maintain a record of the results.		
IIIA07	All teachers differentiate assignments (individualize instruction) in response to individual student performance on		
	pre-tests and other methods of assessment.		

### **Classroom Instruction**

Expecting and monitoring sound instruction in a variety of modes Teacher-Directed Whole Class or Small Group Instruction – Introduction

- IIIA08 All teachers review the previous lesson.
- IIIA09 All teachers clearly state the lesson's topic, theme, and objectives.
- IIIA10 All teachers stimulate interest in the topics.
- IIIA11 All teachers use modeling, demonstration, and graphics.

### **Classroom Instruction**

Expecting and monitoring sound instruction in a variety of modes Teacher-Directed Whole Class or Small Group Instruction – Presentation

- IIIA13 All teachers explain directly and thoroughly.
- IIIA14 All teachers maintain eye contact.
- IIIA15 All teachers speak with expression and use a variety of vocal tones.
- IIIA16 All teachers use prompting/cueing.

## **Classroom Instruction**

Expecting and monitoring sound instruction in a variety of modes
Teacher-Directed Whole Class or Small Group Instruction - Summary & Confirmation of Learning

- IIIA17 All teachers re-teach when necessary.
- IIIA18 All teachers review with drilling/class recitation.
- IIIA19 All teachers review with questioning.
- IIIA20 All teachers summarize key concepts.

## **Classroom Instruction**

Expecting and monitoring sound instruction in a variety of modes

- **Teacher-Student Interaction**
- IIIA21 All teachers re-teach following questioning.
- IIIA22 All teachers use open-ended questioning and encourage elaboration.
- IIIA24 All teachers encourage peer interaction. -
- IIIA25 All teachers encourage students to paraphrase, summarize, and relate.
- IIIA26 All teachers encourage students to check their own comprehension.
- IIIA27 All teachers verbally praise students.
- IIIA29 All teachers meet with students to facilitate mastery of objectives.

## **Classroom Instruction**

Expecting and monitoring sound instruction in a variety of modes Student-Directed Small-Group & Independent Work

- IIIA28 All teachers travel to all areas in which students are working.
- IIIA31 All teachers interact instructionally with students (explaining, checking, giving feedback).
- IIIA32 All teachers interact managerially with students (reinforcing rules, procedures).
- IIIA33 All teachers interact socially with students (noticing and attending to an ill student, asking about the weekend, inquiring about the family).

### **Classroom Instruction**

Expecting and monitoring sound instruction in a variety of modes Computer-Based Instruction

- IIIA35 Students are engaged and on task.
- IIIA40 All teachers assess student mastery in ways other than those provided by the computer program.

### Classroom Instruction

#### Expecting and monitoring sound homework practices and communication with parents

- IIIB01 All teachers maintain a file of communication with parents.
- IIIB02 All teachers regularly assign homework (4 or more days a week).
- IIIB03 All teachers check, mark, and return homework.
- IIIB06 All teachers systematically report to parents the student's mastery of specific standards-based objectives.

### **Classroom Instruction**

### Expecting and monitoring sound classroom management

- IIIC01 When waiting for assistance from the teacher, students are occupied with curriculum-related activities provided by the teacher.
- IIIC04 Students raise hands or otherwise signal before speaking.
- IIIC05 All teachers use a variety of instructional modes.
- IIIC06 All teachers maintain well-organized student learning materials in the classroom.
- IIIC08 All teachers display classroom rules and procedures in the classroom.
- IIIC09 All teachers correct students who do not follow classroom rules and procedures.
- IIIC10 All teachers reinforce classroom rules and procedures by positively teaching them.
- IIIC12 All teachers engage all students (e.g., encourage silent students to participate).

### **School Community**

#### Education

- IVC01 Professional development programs for teachers include assistance in working effectively with parents.
- IVC02 The school provides parents with practical guidance to maintain regular and supportive verbal interactions with their children.
- IVD07 All-school events include parent-child interactive activities.

# **School Community**

### Connection

- IVD08 Office and support staff are trained to make the school a "welcoming place" for parents.
- IVE06 Parents are given opportunities at parent-teacher conference to discuss both their children's progress in school and their children's home-based study and reading habits.

### **School Community**

### Communication

- IVD01 The school's Compact is annually distributed to teachers, school personnel, parents, and students.
- IVD02 The "ongoing conversation" between school personnel and parents is candid, supportive, and flows in both directions
- IG01 Parents receive regular communication (absent jargon) about learning standards, their children's progress, and the parents' role in their children's school success.

### **Secondary School Indicators**

### Team Structure

- VA01 The Leadership Team regularly examines individual and collective student data (e.g., course grades and completion, overall grade point average, attendance rates, behavior referrals, suspensions, end –of-course exams, state exam results) to identify areas for improvement across all content areas and throughout the school.
- VA02 The Leadership Team monitors rates of student transfer, dropout, graduation, and post-high school outcome (e.g., student enrollment in college, students in careers) using a longitudinal data system.
- VA03 The leadership Team implements, monitors, and analyzes results from an early warning system at the school level using indicators (e.g., attendance, academic, behavior monitoring) to identify students at risk for dropping out of high school.

	Secondary School Indicators			
	Principal's Role			
VA04	The traditional roles of the principal and other administrators (e.g., management, discipline, security) are			
	distributed to allow adequate time for administrative attention to instruction and student supports.			
	Secondary School Indicators			
	Opportunity to Learn-Content Mastery			
VA05	The school confirms that a student has mastered prerequisite content knowledge before allowing the student to take			
	higher-level courses.			
<b>VA06</b>	All students demonstrating prerequisite content mastery are given access to higher-level courses.			
VA07	The curriculum and schedule provide pathways for all students to acquire missing content knowledge.			
VA08	The school provides all students with academic supports (e.g., tutoring, co-curricular activities, tiered			
	interventions) to keep them on track for graduation.			
<b>VA09</b>	The school provides all students extended learning opportunities (e.g., summer bridge programs, after-school and			
	supplemental educational services, Saturday academies, enrichment programs) to keep them on track for			
	graduation.			
VA10	The school provides all students with opportunities for content and credit recovery that are integrated into the			
	regular school day to keep them on track for graduation.			

	Secondary School Indicators			
	Opportunity to Learn-Post Secondary School Options			
VA11	Guidance counselors proved all students with feedback and reports on their assessment results (academic, aptitude,			
	interest) to facilitate student-driven decisions about their own work and college and career goals.			
VA12	The school provides all students with opportunities to enroll in and master rigorous coursework for college and			
	career readiness.			
VA13	The school provides all students with academic supports (e.g., supplemental interventions) when needed to enable			
	them to success in rigorous courses designed for college and career readiness.			
VA14	The school provides all students with supports and guidance to prepare them for college and careers (e.g., career			
	awareness activities, career exploration, college visits, advising).			
VA15	All teachers integrate college and career guidance and supports relevant to their subject areas into their taught			
	<mark>curricula.</mark>			
VA16	The school routinely provides all students with information and experience in a variety of career pathways.			
VA17	The school provides all students with access to relevant data to make decisions about their course of study as they			
	progress toward their college and career goals.			
VA18	The school provides all students with information, guidance, and support to secure financial assistance and			
	scholarships for college or other post-secondary education.			

	Secondary School Indicators				
	Opportunity to Learn-Extended Learning Opportunities				
<b>VA19</b>	The school expects all students to participate in activities to develop skills outside of the classroom (e.g., service				
	learning, athletics, enrichment, internships).				
VA20	The school provides all students with opportunities to learn through nontraditional educational settings (e.g.,				
	virtual courses, dual enrollment, service learning, work-based internships).				
VA21	The school provides all students with formal supports and a network of contacts with school personnel, community				
	members, and workplace personnel to ensure the social capital necessary to make informed life decisions.				

	Secondary School Indicators				
	Opportunity to Learn-Extended Learning Opportunities				
VA22	The school provides freshman students with formal supports as they make the transition to high school (e.g.,				
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VA23	The school provides senior students with formal supports as they make the transition out of high school (e.g.,				
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Note: Highlighted indicators are new as of the 2012-2013 school year.

# **SMART Goals**

SMART Goals are a requirement for all levels of improvement planning for districts and schools, and are located on the WISE Tool dashboard under "Forms to Complete". The SDE requires a minimum of one goal to be developed for yearly improvement planning, but three to five are recommended. For the purposes of improvement planning, these over-arching goals are connected directly to any area of concern in order to ensure students are on track to meet college and career readiness standards (e.g., Reading, Math, Subgroup Populations, Graduation Rate, etc.). As you plan in the WISE Tool, selected indicators and tasks will support the accomplishment of these SMART Goals.

S: Specific

M: Measurable

A: Attainable

R: Relevant

T: Time-bound

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- 80% of 10<sup>th</sup> grade English students will pass (C or better) an end of course assessment that is aligned to Common Core State Standards in the spring of 2013.
- 75% of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will enroll in advanced coursework (e.g., IB, AP, Professional Technical), and 90% of enrolled students will complete with a C or better by the end of School Year 2012-2013.

Prior to writing SMART Goals, please complete the following under SMART goals in the WISE Tool by checking all that apply in regards to which of the Idaho's Accountability Measures were not met by your school:

Measure	Standard		
Achievement	□ Reading	□ Math	☐ Language
Growth to Achievement – All Students	□ Reading	□ Math	☐ Language
Growth to Achievement – At Risk Subgroup	□ Reading	□ Math	☐ Language
Postsecondary and Career Readiness	☐ Graduation Rate	☐ Advanced Opportunities	☐ College Entrance/Placement
Participation	☐ Participation Rate		

# **Alignment of Evaluation and State Funding Plan**

The following questions are from the Alignment of Evaluation and State Funding Plan. Each school identified for improvement planning is required to complete and submit this Plan via the WISE Tool dashboard. This section should be completed after developing your overall plan for improvement.

- 1. Briefly describe how the use of State funds for teachers and leaders (i.e., hard-to-fill, leadership, and pay for performance) aligns with the plan for improvement.
- 2. Briefly describe how the school has aligned State funding opportunities for dual credit, technology, and remediation (if applicable) to the plan for improvement.
- 3. Briefly describe how the teacher and administrator evaluation process will be used to enhance the plan for improvement.

# **Continuous Improvement Plan**

# **Continuous Improvement Plan Compliance Checklist**

# **Required for each Continuous Improvement Plan:**

A) SMART Goals:

	☐ A minimum of 1 SMART Goal requ	ired – must be focused on stu	ident achievement.
B)	School Indicators category. Assess and ceach of the selected indicators. When all report as part of step 6 in the WISE Tool continuously working on five indicators. Please check each indicator included in twill be more than 5 if indicators were continuously working on the will be more than 5 if indicators were continuously working on the will be more than 5 if indicators were continuously working on the will be more than 5 if indicators were continuously working on the will be more than 5 if indicators were continuously working on the will be more than 5 if indicators were continuously working on the will be more than 5 if indicators were continuously working on the will be more than 5 if indicators were continuously working on the will be more than 5 if indicators were continuously working on the will be more than 5 if indicators were continuously working on the will be more than 5 if indicators were continuously working on the will be more than 5 if indicators were continuously working on the will be more than 5 if indicators were continuously working on the will be more than 5 if indicators were continuously working on the will be will be more than 5 if indicators were continuously working on the will be wil	ry. In addition, secondary so create a plan for a total of at led the tasks have been complete. Then select a new indicator the plan for 2012-2013. A manufacted during the year and the plan for 2012-2013 in the plan for 2012-2013.	hools must assess all indicators in the <i>Secondary</i> east five indicators. Implement and monitor ted and the objective met, complete the status to include in the plan. This will result in inimum of 5 indicators should be checked. There
	School Leadership and Decision Makin	ng	
	☐ Assess all indicators within this	category	
	ID 01	ID 13	IE 13
	ID 02	IE 01	——— IF 01
	ID 03	IE 02	IF 02
	ID 04	IE 05	IF 03
	ID 05	IE 06	IF 04
	ID 06	IE 07	IF 05
	ID 07	IE 08	IF 06
	ID 08	IE 09	——— IF 07
	ID 09	IE 10	IF 08
	ID 10	IE 12	IF 10
	ID 11		
	<b>Curriculum, Assessment and Instructi</b>	onal Planning	
	IIA 01	IIC 01	IID 09
	———— IIA 02	IIC 03	IID 10
	IIA 03	IID 02	IID 11
	IIB 01	IID 03	IID 12
	IIB 02	IID 04	IID 13
	IIB 03	IID 06	IID 14
	IIB 04	IID 07	IID 15
	IIB 05	IID 08	

Classroom Instruction	W 4 10	WY 1 25
IIIA 01	IIIA 18	IIIA 35
IIIA 02	IIIA 19	IIIA 40
IIIA 05	IIIA 20	IIIB 01
IIIA 06	IIIA 21	IIIB 02
IIIA 07	IIIA 22	IIIB 03
IIIA 08	IIIA 24	IIIB 06
IIIA 09	IIIA 25	IIIC 01
IIIA 10	IIIA 26	IIIC 04
IIIA 11	IIIA 27	IIIC 05
IIIA 13	IIIA 28	IIIC 06
IIIA 14	IIIA 29	IIIC 08
IIIA 15	IIIA 31	IIIC 10
IIIA 16	IIIA 32	IIIC 12
IIIA 17	IIIA 33	7
Family and Community Engagement		
IVC 01	IVD 08	IVD 02
IVC 02	IVE06	IG 01
IVD 07	IVD 01	<del></del>
Secondary School Indicators (available to All secondary schools assess all in	ndicators in this category.	
VA 01	VA 09	VA 17
VA 02	VA 10	VA 18
VA 03	VA 11	VA 19
VA 04	VA 12	VA 20
VA 05	VA 13	VA 21
VA 06	VA 14	VA 22
VA 07	X7 A 1 F	X/A 00
VILOI	VA 15	VA 23
VA 08	VA 15 VA 16	VA 23 VA 24
VA 08		VA 24
VA 08  dditional Requirements:  □ Complete the Alignment of Evaluation	VA 16	VA 24  Email or fax these documents to:
VA 08  dditional Requirements:  □ Complete the Alignment of Evaluation WISE Tool Dashboard.	VA 16	VA 24  Email or fax these documents to:  Attn: Shasta Oswald School Improvement Specialist
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# **Continuous Improvement Plan Scoring Rubric**

District:	As a result of the review, the	e overall plan:
School Name:	$\Box$ Approved $\Box$	Needs Revision
Reviewer Name:		
The following scoring rubric has been developed in order to fa Improvement Plans. LEAs are responsible for the quality of C used by the LEA as part of a meaningful process for reviewing planning process. The completed rubric is designed to provide f where their plan is exemplary, and where they might focus during	ontinuous Improvement Plans. T and providing feedback in the sc eedback to district and school lead	This rubric may be chool improvement dership teams as to
At least one SMART Goal focusing on student achievem	ent has been completed: $\Box Y$	es □ No
A minimum of 5 indicators have been continuously plan	ned for: ☐ Yes ☐ No	
The Alignment of Evaluation and State Funding Plan has	s been completed: □Yes □	No

		Exceptional	Acceptable	Needs Revision
	Assess	Clear evidence is presented to show the current level of implementation of the indicators assessed in this category. For each indicator assessed as fully implemented there is clear evidence that it has become an established practice in the school and is sustainable over time.	Some evidence is presented to show the current level of implementation of the indicators assessed in this category. For each indicator assessed as fully implemented there is some evidence that it has become an established practice in the school.	Little or no evidence is presented to show the current level of implementation in the indicators assessed in this category. For each indicator assessed as fully implemented there is little or no evidence that it has become an established practice in the school.
Monitor  It to compare the com		Created tasks for this category represent a concise focus for improvement and clearly demonstrate the capacity for achieving full implementation by target dates based on available resources. Strategies are clear and likely to increase the quality of instruction, using research-based methods and strategies.	Created tasks for this category represent some focus for improvement. Demonstration of capacity for full implementation by target dates is stated but may not be realistic based on available resources. Strategies are mostly clear and may increase the quality of instruction, using research-based methods and strategies.	Created tasks for this category are not evident or not realistic which demonstrates a perceived inability to successfully implement. Strategies have not been provided, or it is not clear how strategies will increase the quality of instruction, using research-based methods and strategies.
		It is apparent that the school leadership team has continuously worked toward completion of tasks, adding new tasks and new indicators throughout the year. Clear evidence is presented that completed indicators have become established practices in the school and are sustainable over time.	It is apparent that the school leadership team has continuously worked toward completion of tasks for the planned indicators. Clear evidence is presented that completed indicators have become established practice in the school.	There is little or no evidence that planned indicators and tasks have been continuously monitored.

School Leadership and Decision Making						
Indicators: ID01-ID13; IE01- IE13; IF01-IF10						
All indicators in this category have been assessed: $\square$ Yes $\square$ No						
Assess	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Plan	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Monitor	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Reviewer Notes:						
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	nent and Instructiona 03; IIB01-IIB05; IIC0					
Assess	Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Plan	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Monitor	Exceptional     Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	□ Not Applicable		
Reviewer Notes:	<u> </u>	п лесершые	Treeds Revision			
Classroom Instructi Indicators: IIIA01-III	i <b>on</b> [A40; IIIB01-IIIB06; II	IIC01-IIIC12				
Assess	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Plan	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Monitor	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
<b>Reviewer Notes:</b>						
Family and Community Engagement Indicators: IVC01- IVC02; IVD07-IVD08; IVE06; IVD01-IVD02, IG01						
Assess	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Plan	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Monitor	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
<b>Reviewer Notes:</b>		•				

Secondary School Indicators Indicators: VA01-VA24							
(Secondary Schools) All indicators in this category have been assessed: $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No $\Box$ N/A							
Assess	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable			
Plan	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable			
Monitor	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable			
Reviewel Indies.	Reviewer Notes:						
Summary of Review:							

# Rapid Improvement Plan

# **Rapid Improvement Plan Compliance Checklist**

### **Required for each Rapid Improvement Plan:**

- A) SMART Goals:
  - ☐ 1SMART Goal required must be focused on student achievement.
- B) The requirements for a Rapid Improvement Plan build on each other over three years.

**Year 1,** assess all indicators in the *School Leadership and Decision Making* category. In addition, secondary schools must assess all indicators in the *Secondary School Indicators* category. Assess and create a plan for a total of at least ten indicators. The following indicators are required: ID07, ID10, ID11, IE05, IE07, IID15 & IIIA01. The school chooses the remaining three indicators from any category. Once the plan has been created, the school monitors the implementation of the plan in the WISE Tool.

**Year 2**, assess all indicators in the *Curriculum, Assessment and Instructional Planning* category, then assess and create a plan for a total of at least ten indicators. The following indicators are required: IE08, IE09, IIB01, IIB05 & IID09. The school chooses the remaining five indicators from any category. If there are unfinished indicators from the first year, these may be included as part the remaining five. Once the plan has been created, the school monitors the implementation of the plan in the WISE Tool.

**Year 3**, assess all indicators in the *Classroom Instruction* category, then assess and create a plan for a total of at least ten indicators. The school may choose indicators from any category. If there are unfinished indicators from the first or second year, these may be included as part the required ten indicators. Once the plan has been created, the school monitors the implementation of the plan in the WISE Tool.

Please check each indicator included in the plan for 2012-2013. A minimum of 10 indicators should be checked.

#### School Leadership and Decision Making

☐ In year 1, assess all indicators within this category.

	ID 01		ID 13	IE 13
	ID 02	9	IE 01	IF 01
	ID 03		IE 02	IF 02
	ID 04	1 <sup>st</sup> year	IE 05	IF 03
	ID 05		IE 06	IF 04
	ID 06	1 <sup>st</sup> year	IE 07	IF 05
1 <sup>st</sup> year	ID 07	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	IE 08	IF 06
	ID 08	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	IE 09	IF 07
	ID 09		IE10	IF 08
1st year	ID 10		IE 12	IF 10
1 <sup>st</sup> year	ID 11			

# **Rapid Improvement Plan Compliance Checklist Continued...**

# **Curriculum, Assessment and Instructional Planning**

	In year 2,	assess a	all indicators	within	this category.
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	IIA 01	IIC 01	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	IID 09
	- IIA 02	IIC 03		IID 10
	IIA 03	IID 02		IID 11
2 <sup>nd</sup> year	- IIB 01	IID 03	_	IID 12
	- IIB 02	IID 04		IID 13
	IIB 03	IID 06		IID 14
_	- IIB 04	IID 07	1 <sup>st</sup> year	IID 15
2 <sup>nd</sup> year	IIB 05	 IID 08		=

### **Classroom Instruction**

 $\Box$  In year 3, assess all indicators in this category.

1 <sup>st</sup> year	IIIA 01	IIIA 18	IIIA 35
	IIIA 02	IIIA 19	— IIIA 40
-	IIIA 05	— IIIA 20	- IIIB 01
	IIIA 06	IIIA 21	IIIB 02
_	IIIA 07	IIIA 22	IIIB 03
_	IIIA 08	IIIA 24	IIIB 06
	IIIA 09	IIIA 25	IIIC 01
	IIIA 10	IIIA 26	IIIC 04
	IIIA 11	IIIA 27	IIIC 05
	IIIA 13	IIIA 28	IIIC 06
1	IIIA 14	IIIA 29	IIIC 08
_	IIIA 15	IIIA 31	IIIC 10
	IIIA 16	IIIA 32	IIIC 12
	IIIA 17	IIIA 33	
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### **Family and Community Engagement**

IVC 01	IVD 08	IVD 02
IVC 02	IVE06	IG 01
IVD 07	IVD 01	

# **Rapid Improvement Plan Compliance Checklist Continued...**

Secondary School Indicators (available to sec	•					
☐ In year 1, all secondary schools assess all ir  VA 01  VA 02  VA 03  VA 04  VA 05  VA 06  VA 07  VA 08	VA 09 VA 10 VA 11 VA 12 VA 13 VA 14 VA 15	VA 17 VA 18 VA 19 VA 20 VA 21 VA 22 VA 23				
Additional Requirements:  Complete the Alignment of Evaluation and State Funding Plan on the WISE Tool Dashboard.  Submission Process						
<ul> <li>☐ Submit the plan to the District for review upon</li> <li>☐ After District approval of the plan, click the "su applicable requirements on the WISE Tool Das.</li> <li>☐ Submit a copy of this checklist.</li> <li>☐ Submit a copy of the Rapid Improvement Plan showing district approval.</li> <li>☐ District must submit Assurance Pages by March</li> </ul>	completion.  ibmit" button for all  hboard.  Scoring Rubric	Email or fax these documents to:  Attn: Shasta Oswald School Improvement Specialist daho Department of Education oswald@sde.idaho.gov Fax: (208) 334-2228				

# **Rapid Improvement Plan Scoring Rubric**

District: School Name:			the overall plan: Needs Revision			
Reviewer Name:		u 🗀	needs Revision			
The following scoring rubric has been developed in order	er to facilitate the	e formal SDE/I	LEA review of Rapid			
Improvement Plans. LEAs are responsible for the quality of Rapid Improvement Plans. This rubric may be used by the LEA as part of a meaningful process for reviewing and providing feedback in the school improvement planning process. The completed rubric is designed to provide feedback to district and school leadership teams as to where						
their plan is exemplary, and where they might focus during co At least one SMART Goal focusing on student achiev	•	•				
Year 1, a minimum of 10 indicators have been planne	d for: □ Yes [	□ No				
Year 2, an additional 10 indicators have been planned		□ No				
Year 3, an additional 10 indicators have been planned	for: ☐ Yes ☐	□ No				
The Alignment of Evaluation and State Funding Plan	has been comple	eted: □ Yes	□ No			

	Exceptional	Acceptable	Needs Revision	
Assess	Clear evidence is presented to show the current level of implementation of the indicators assessed in this category. For each indicator assessed as fully implemented there is clear evidence that it has become an established practice in the school and is sustainable over time.	Some evidence is presented to show the current level of implementation of the indicators assessed in this category. For each indicator assessed as fully implemented there is some evidence that it has become an established practice in the school.	Little or no evidence is presented to show the current level of implementation in the indicators assessed in this category. For each indicator assessed as fully implemented there is little or no evidence that it has become an established practice in the school.	
Plan	Created tasks for this category represent a concise focus for improvement and clearly demonstrate the capacity for achieving full implementation by target dates based on available resources. Strategies are clear and likely to increase the quality of instruction, using research-based methods and strategies.	Created tasks for this category represent some focus for improvement. Demonstration of capacity for full implementation by target dates is stated but may not be realistic based on available resources. Strategies are mostly clear and may increase the quality of instruction, using research-based methods and strategies.	Created tasks for this category are not evident or not realistic which demonstrates a perceived inability to successfully implement. Strategies have not been provided, or it is not clear how strategies will increase the quality of instruction, using research-based methods and strategies.	
Monitor	It is apparent that the school leadership team has continuously worked toward completion of tasks, adding new tasks and new indicators throughout the year. Clear evidence is presented that completed indicators have become established practices in the school and are sustainable over time.	It is apparent that the school leadership team has continuously worked toward completion of tasks for the planned indicators. Clear evidence is presented that completed indicators have become established practice in the school.	There is little or no evidence that planned indicators and tasks have been continuously monitored.	

School Leadership ar Indicators: ID01-ID13		0		
Year 1, all indicators	in this category have	been assessed: 🗆 Y	es 🗆 No	
Year 1, required indi	cators ID07, ID10, ID	11, IE05, and IE07	have been planned for:	] Yes □ No
Year 2, required indic	cators IE08, IE09 hav	e been planned for:	□ Yes □ No	
Assess	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable
Plan	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable
Monitor	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable
Reviewer Notes:				
	nent and Instructional 03; IIB01-IIB05; IIC01			
Year 1, required indi	·	_		
Year 2, all indicators	in this category have cators IIB01, IIB05, a			] No
Assess	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	□ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable
Plan	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable
Monitor	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable
Reviewer Notes:				
Classroom Instruction Indicators: IIIA01-IIIA	o <b>n</b> A40; IIIB01-IIIB06; III	C01-IIIC12		
Year 1, Required indi	icator IIIA01 has been	n planned for: 🗆 Ye	es 🗆 No	
Year 3, All indicators	in this category has l	oeen assessed: 🗆 Ye	es 🗆 No	
Assess	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable
Plan	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable
Monitor	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable
Reviewer Notes:				

Family and Commun		JEOC HJDO1 HJDO2	1001			
Indicators: IVC01- IVC02; IVD07-IVD08; IVE06; IVD01-IVD02, IG01						
Assess	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Plan	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Monitor	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
<b>Reviewer Notes:</b>						
Secondary School Indicators: VA01-VA2						
Secondary Schools Ye	ar 1, all indicators in	this category have b	een assessed: ☐ Yes ☐	] No		
Assess	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Plan	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Monitor	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
<b>Reviewer Notes:</b>						
<b>Summary of Review:</b>						

# **School Turnaround Plan**

# **School Turnaround Plan Compliance Checklist**

# **Required for each School Turnaround Plan:**

A)	SMART Goals:  ☐ 1SMART Goal required – must be focused on student achievement.
B)	The requirements for a School Turnaround Plan build on each other over three years.
	Year 1:  ☐ Assess all indicators in the School Leadership and Decision Making category. In addition, secondary schools must assess all indicators in the Secondary School Indicators category. Assess and create a plan for a total of at least ten indicators. The following indicators are required: ID07, ID10, ID11, IE05, IE07, IID15 & IIIA01. The school chooses the remaining three indicators from any category. Once the plan has been created, the school monitors the implementation of the plan in the WISE Tool.  ☐ Assess and create plans for all Turnaround School Indicators located on the WISE Tool dashboard.  ☐ The district will complete the District Preparation for Turnaround Principals category located in the District WISE Tool, and the District Support of Turnaround Schools Supplemental Plan located on the WISE Tool dashboard.
	Year 2:  ☐ Assess all indicators in the <i>Curriculum, Assessment and Instructional Planning</i> category, then assess and create a plan for a total of at least ten indicators. The following indicators are required: IE08, IE09, IIB01, IIB05 & IID09. The school chooses the remaining five indicators from any category. If there are unfinished indicators from the first year, these may be included as part the remaining five. Once the plan has been created, the school monitors the implementation of the plan in the WISE Tool.  ☐ Implement and monitor the plan created during the first year in the <i>Turnaround School Indicators</i> .  ☐ The district will implement and monitor the plan created during the first year in the <i>District Preparation for Turnaround Principals</i> category.
	<ul> <li>Year 3:</li> <li>□ Assess all indicators in the <i>Classroom Instruction</i> category, then assess and create a plan for a total of at least ten indicators. The school may choose indicators from any category. If there are unfinished indicators from the first or second year, these may be included as part the required ten indicators. Once the plan has been created, the school monitors the implementation of the plan in the WISE Tool.</li> <li>□ Implement and monitor the plan already created in the <i>Turnaround School</i> category.</li> <li>□ The district will implement and monitor the plan already created in the <i>District Preparation for Turnaround Principals</i> category.</li> </ul>

Please check each indicator included in the plan for 2012-2013. A minimum of 10 indicators should be checked.

# **School Leadership and Decision Making**

 $\square$  Year 1, assess all indicators within this category.

ID 01		ID 13
ID 02		IE 01
ID 03		IE 02
ID 04	1 <sup>st</sup> year	IE 05
ID 05		IE 06

	ID 04	1st year	IE 05
	ID 05		IE 06
	ID 06	1 <sup>st</sup> year	IE 07
1 <sup>st</sup> year	ID 07	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	IE 08
	ID 08	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	IE 09
	ID 09		IE10

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	ID 08	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	IE 09	_
	ID 09		IE10	_
1 <sup>st</sup> year	ID 10		IE 12	7
1st year	ID 11		•	

# **Curriculum, Assessment and Instructional Planning**

☐ Year 2, assess all indicators within this category.

		IIA 01		IIC 01	
		IIA 02		IIC 03	
		IIA 03	-	IID 02	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	IIB 01		IID 03	
		IIB 02		IID 04	
		IIB 03		IID 06	
		IIB 04	abla V	IID 07	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	IIB 05		IID 08	
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I	IC 01	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	IID 09
I	IC 03		IID 10
I	ID 02		IID 11
I	ID 03		IID 12
I	ID 04		IID 13
I	ID 06		IID 14
I	ID 07	1 <sup>st</sup> year	IID 15
I	ID 08		

### **Classroom Instruction**

 $\hfill \square$  Year 3, assess all indicators in this category.

IIIA 17

1 <sup>st</sup> yea	r IIIA 01
	IIIA 02
	IIIA 05
	IIIA 06
	IIIA 07
	IIIA 08
	IIIA 09
	IIIA 10
<u> </u>	IIIA 11
<u> </u>	IIIA 13
	IIIA 14
<u> </u>	IIIA 15
	IIIA 16

IIIA 19
IIIA 20
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IIIA 22
IIIA 24
IIIA 25
IIIA 26
IIIA 27
IIIA 28
IIIA 29
IIIA 31
IIIA 32

IIIA 18

IIIA 40
IIIB 01
IIIB 02
IIIB 03
IIIB 06
IIIC 01
IIIC 04
IIIC 05
IIIC 06
IIIC 08
IIIC 10
IIIC 12
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**IIIA 35** 

IE 13

IF 01 IF 02

IF 03 IF 04 IF 05 IF 06 IF 07 IF 08 IF 10

IIIA 33

# **School Turnaround Plan Compliance Checklist Continued...**

Family and Community Engagement		
IVC 01	IVD 08	IVD 02
IVC 02	IVE06	IG 01
IVD 07	IVD 01	
Secondary School Indicators (available to se	•	
☐ In the first year, all secondary schools ass	ess all indicators in this c	ategory.
VA 01	VA 09	VA 17
VA 02	VA 10	VA 18
VA 03	VA 11	VA 19
VA 04	VA 12	VA 20
VA 05	VA 13	VA 21
VA 06	VA 14	VA 22
VA 07	VA 15	VA 23
VA 08	VA 16	VA 24
Turnaround Schools  ☐ Assess all indicators ☐ Plan for all indicators		
STA 01	STA 04	STA 07
STA 02	STA 05	STA 08
STA 03	STA 06	STA 09
Additional Requirements:		
Complete the Alignment of Evaluation and State Fund	ling Plan on the WISE To	ool Dashboard.
Submission Process		
<ul> <li>☐ Submit the plan to the District for review upon completion.</li> <li>☐ After District approval of the plan, click the "submit" button for all applicable requirements on the WISE Tool Dashboard.</li> <li>☐ Submit a copy of this checklist.</li> <li>☐ Submit a copy of the Rapid Improvement Plan Scoring Rubric showing district approval.</li> <li>☐ District must submit Assurance Pages by March 1, 2013.</li> </ul>		Email or fax these documents to:  Attn: Shasta Oswald School Improvement Specialist Idaho Department of Education soswald@sde.idaho.gov Fax: (208) 334-2228

# **School Turnaround Plan Indicators**

STA01	The principal reviews the quality of all staff members in schools required to implement
	turnaround plans and retains only those who have the ability to support the turnaround plan.
STA02	The school leadership team ensures that job-embedded, ongoing professional development is
	provided to teachers, which is informed by the teacher evaluation and support system and is
	tied to teacher and student needs.
STA03	The school leadership team evaluates the school schedule yearly and redesigns the schedule to
	include sufficient time for teacher collaboration.
STA04	The school has established a team structure for collaboration among all teachers with specific
	duties and time for instructional planning.
STA05	The school leadership team ensures that the core instructional program is research-based,
	rigorous, and aligned with State academic content standards.
STA06	The school leadership team regularly monitors and makes adjustments to continuously
	improve the core instructional program based on identified student needs.
STA07	The school leadership team and staff collaboration teams have a plan for using data to inform
	decisions about the instructional core and continuous, system-wide improvement.
STA08	The school leadership team ensures that the school environment is safe and supportive (i.e., it
	addresses non-academic factors, such as social and emotional well-being).
STA09	The school leadership team provides ongoing mechanisms for families and the community to
	be meaningfully engaged in decisions that impact school improvement and the school
	environment.

	School Turnaround Plan Scoring Rubric						
	District: School Name:  Reviewer Name:  As a result of the review, the overall plan:  □ Approved □ Needs Revision						
Tu us pla tea	The following scoring rubric has been developed in order to facilitate the formal SDE/LEA review of School Turnaround Plans. LEAs are responsible for the quality of School Turnaround Plans. This rubric may be used by the LEA as part of meaningful process for reviewing and providing feedback in the turnaround planning process. The completed rubric is designed to provide feedback to district and school leadership teams as to where their plan is exemplary, and where they might focus during continued school improvement efforts.						
At least one SMART Goal focusing on student achievement has been completed: $\square$ Yes $\square$ No							
A Continuous Improvement Plan has been completed:							
	<i>Year 1</i> , a minimum of 10 indicators have been planned for. $\square$ Yes $\square$ No						
	Year 2, an additional 10 indicators have been planned for. $\square$ Yes $\square$ No						
	Year 3, an additional 10 indicators have been planned for. $\square$ Yes $\square$ No						

The Alignment of Evaluation and State Funding Plan has been completed: $\square$ Yes $\square$	The Alignn	nent of Evaluatio	n and State I	Funding Pla	n has been	<b>completed:</b> $\square$ Yes	$\square$ No
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		Exceptional	Acceptable	Needs Revision
	Assess	Clear evidence is presented to show the current level of implementation of the indicators assessed in this category. For each indicator assessed as fully implemented there is clear evidence that it has become an established practice in the school and is sustainable over time.	Some evidence is presented to show the current level of implementation of the indicators assessed in this category. For each indicator assessed as fully implemented there is some evidence that it has become an established practice in the school.	Little or no evidence is presented to show the current level of implementation in the indicators assessed in this category. For each indicator assessed as fully implemented there is little or no evidence that it has become an established practice in the school.
	Plan	Created tasks for this category represent a concise focus for improvement and clearly demonstrate the capacity for achieving full implementation by target dates based on available resources. Strategies are clear and likely to increase the quality of instruction, using research-based methods and strategies.	Created tasks for this category represent some focus for improvement. Demonstration of capacity for full implementation by target dates is stated but may not be realistic based on available resources. Strategies are mostly clear and may increase the quality of instruction, using research-based methods and strategies.	Created tasks for this category are not evident or not realistic which demonstrates a perceived inability to successfully implement. Strategies have not been provided, or it is not clear how strategies will increase the quality of instruction, using research-based methods and strategies.
	Monitor	It is apparent that the school leadership team has continuously worked toward completion of tasks, adding new tasks and new indicators throughout the year. Clear evidence is presented that completed indicators have become established practices in the school and are sustainable over time.	It is apparent that the school leadership team has continuously worked toward completion of tasks for the planned indicators. Clear evidence is presented that completed indicators have become established practice in the school.	There is little or no evidence that planned indicators and tasks have been continuously monitored.

School Leadership and Decision Making Indicators: ID01-ID13; IE01- IE13; IF01-IF10						
Year 1, all indicators i	n this category have l	been assessed: 🗆 Ye	es 🗆 No			
	•		have been planned for: $\Box$	] Yes □ No		
Year 2, required indic	ators IE08, IE09 hav	e been planned for:	□ Yes □ No			
Assess	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Plan	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Monitor	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Reviewer Notes:						
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Curriculum, Assessm Indicators: IIA01-IIA0						
Year 1, required indic	eator IID15 has been	planned for: A Yes	□ No			
Year 2, all indicators i	in this category have	been assessed: 🗆 Yo	es 🗆 No			
Year 2, required indic	eators IIB01, IIB05, a	nd IID09 have been	<b>planned for:</b> $\square$ Yes	□ No		
Assess	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Plan	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Monitor	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Reviewer Notes:						
Classroom Instruction						
Indicators: IIIA01-IIIA		C01-IIIC12				
Year 1, Required indi	cator IIIA01 has been	n planned for: 🗆 Ye	es 🗆 No			
Year 3, All indicators	in this category has b	<b>peen assessed:</b> □ Ye	s 🗆 No			
Assess	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Plan	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Monitor	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable		
Reviewer Notes:						

Family and Community Engagement Indicators: IVC01- IVC02; IVD07-IVD08; IVE06; IVD01-IVD02, IG01								
Assess	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable				
Plan	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable				
Monitor	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable				
Reviewer Notes:								
Secondary School Indicators Indicators: VA01-VA24								
Secondary Schools Ye	ear 1, all indicators in	this category have l	oeen assessed: ☐ Yes ☐	□ No				
Assess	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable				
Plan	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable				
Monitor	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable				
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School Turnaround I Indicators: STA01-ST								
Year 1, all indicators Year 1, all indicators			es 🗆 No					
Year 2, all indicators	show progress toward	d completion:   Ye	s 🗆 No					
Year 3, all indicators	show progress towar	d completion:   Ye	s 🗆 No					
Assess	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable				
Plan	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable				
Monitor	☐ Exceptional	☐ Acceptable	☐ Needs Revision	☐ Not Applicable				
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# **Assurances**

# 2012-2013 Assurance Form Cover Sheet

In order to better process the school improvement plans, please complete this cover sheet and send with the completed assurance page for your district. Please submit one cover sheet per LEA, along with one set of completed assurance pages that will apply to all school(s) listed. Copy and submit an additional coversheet if needed to accommodate a larger number of schools.

Whereas, the quality of school improvement plans submitted to the state for review is ultimately the responsibility of the LEA, all assurance forms must be submitted by the LEA. Assurance forms sent from the schools will not be accepted.

The list of districts and schools required to submit a School Improvement Plan for 2012-2013 can be found at: <a href="http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/schoolImprovement/">http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/schoolImprovement/</a>

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# IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Elementary and Secondary Education Act as Reauthorized in 2001

# 2012-2013 Improvement Planning and Implementation Statement of Assurance

The Local Educational Agency (LEA) hereby declares that it has abided by all the planning and implementation requirements of district and school improvement. By providing the signatures below, the LEA assures the Idaho Department of Education that:

☐ The School-level Improvement, Continuous, Rapid and Turnaround Plans (listed on Cover Sheet) have been subject to a documented, meaningful, and thorough district-le LEA approval and are being submitted in their final form for state verification.							
☐ The District has partnered, as applicable, with any schools in Turnaround Planning to e governance and will hold the school accountable accordingly.	The District has partnered, as applicable, with any schools in Turnaround Planning to ensure a successful plan for alternative governance and will hold the school accountable accordingly.						
☐ The District Improvement Plan was developed by a district leadership team and as Superintendent and Board of Trustees.	ccurately represents the goals of the						
Legal Name and Address of Local Education Agency (LEA):							
To the best of my knowledge and belief, all data in these plans are true and correct. applicant has duly authorized these plans, and the applicant will comply with the above							
Print Name of Superintendent or Authorized Representative:							
Signature of Superintendent or Authorized Representative:	Date:						
Print Name of Board of Trustees Chair:							
Signature of Board of Trustees Chair:	Date:						

# **Technical Assistance**

# **School Improvement Technical Assistance**

# **Statewide School Improvement Office**

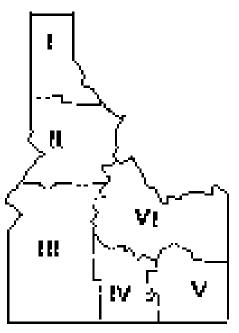
In partnership with the Idaho State Department of Education and the Regional School Improvement Centers, the Statewide School Improvement Office provides technical assistance and support for districts and schools in need of improvement, as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act. Technical assistance to these districts and schools includes provision and coordination of professional development, school improvement planning, fostering collaboration, and enhancement of regional, district, and school capacities to better serve students.

# **Regional School Improvement Centers**

In order to support the regional delivery of school improvement supports, the Idaho State Department of Education has partnered with several Idaho Universities to create Regional School Improvement Centers. The goal of this partnership with University of Idaho, Boise State University, and Idaho State University is to strengthen partnership & coordination between teacher & administrative preparation programs, K-12 districts & schools, and state School Improvement efforts. The School Improvement Regional Support Centers organize regional technical assistance and services of Capacity Builders in the Idaho Building Capacity Project.

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# Federal Program Monitoring & Technical Assistance

Monitoring federal programs helps ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education. Compliance monitoring has been significantly redesigned with the intent of being a collaborative partnership between the state and districts.

State monitoring teams provide technical assistance during the review visit and beyond. It is not the ISDE's intent to tell a district <u>how</u> to run it's programs, but rather to answer questions, facilitate dialogue, and exchange ideas and information for program inmprovement while, at the same time, leveraging all federal requirements to benefit both students and the district.

For technical assistance with monitoring, compliance, or Title programs and their designs, please feel free to contact:

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# **Other Programs and Technical Assistance**



# 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC)

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program is authorized under Title IV, Part B, of the No Child Left Behind Act. The program is designed to provide academic enrichment opportunities, art, music, recreation, intramural and life time sports, drug and violence prevention and youth development activities to students during non-school hours. The program also offers families of students served by community learning centers opportunities for educational

development. The amount of federal money allocated to the state for this program is determined by population. Grant funds can be used to serve Pre K -12 grade.

Idaho currently distributes 38 grants serving 101 centers throughout the State.

For more information and to view the current funding application timeline please visit <a href="http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/cclc/">http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/cclc/</a> or contact:

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### **Educator Evaluations**

Idaho has created, and continues to develop, statewide frameworks for performance evaluations that use multiple measures to improve the craft of teaching and instructional leadership at all levels. Educator evaluations should not be treated as a pass/fail assessment. Our goal is to provide educators a framework to prepare and measure the impact of their teaching or leadership practices. Idaho's educator evaluations are to provide a common understanding of effective teaching and leadership while enhancing professional practices of educators so as to positively impact student learning.

We know that the quality of the teacher in the classroom is the most important factor in a student's academic success. Our goal is to design a continuum of support, from pre-service through induction and on, through career-long professional development to strengthen the skills and abilities of all teachers. We know that teachers can achieve greater success if provided opportunities for collaboration, professional growth, and teacher leadership.

One of the priorities of the ISDE is to emphasize the principal's role as an instructional leader who is proficient in assessing teacher performance and carrying out reflective conversations to promote each teacher's growth. Administrators will be charged with the responsibility for appraising or evaluating certificated personnel performance. It is imperative that evaluators are trained in the observation process and that the data is fair, reliable, defensible, and valid.

For more information, please go to <a href="http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/teacherEval/">http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/teacherEval/</a> or contact:

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### **Family & Community Engagement**

Within the WISE Tool, the State has added additional School Community Indicators to specifically target evidence-based strategies and activities that have been shown to strengthen the connection between schools and the community. The SDE has also partnered with Academic Development Institute (ADI) to provide the Family Engagement Tool (FET, formerly the Parent Involvement Analysis, PIA) as a companion tool that helps districts and schools assess and meaningfully address parent involvement policies and practices. The use of the FET supports districts in meeting Title I regulations and creating a plan to meaningfully involve families and the community in decision-making centered on continuous improvement. Analysis and planning takes place at a school level, but the tool allows for district and state review and support. Due to shifts in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Education that formerly supported this project free of charge through ADI; this tool is now only available for a fee for the two year planning period. Please contact Matt Hyde with the SDE or ADI for more information about this and other available resources.

For more information, go to http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/parentinvolvement/ or contact:

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# **Idaho Building Capacity**

The Idaho Building Capacity (IBC) Project is a cornerstone of Idaho's Statewide System of Support for Idaho schools and districts that are in needs improvement status according to No Child Left Behind. The project provides scaffolded support designed to assist Local Education Agencies in building their own internal leadership capacity to implement and sustain school and district

improvement efforts. A rigorous school and district selection process has been developed, with a goal to select schools and districts that are most in need of support, serve a high proportion of at-risk students, and have limited local resources to meet those needs. The project is sponsored and directed by the State Department of Education, but designed and delivered in partnership with regional school improvement centers at Boise State University, Idaho State University, and the University of Idaho.

Applications for participation in the IBC project are due October 15, 2012.

For more information, please go to http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/ssos/IBC.htm or contact:

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# **Network of Innovative School Leaders (NISL)**

The Idaho Network of Innovative School Leaders (NISL) is a project developed by the Idaho State Department of Education (SDE) to support the work of building level administration in improving outcomes for all students by focusing on the quality of instruction. NISL is a new project that will be replacing the Principals Academy of Leadership (PALs), while building on its success. NISL will continue to focus on the important areas of Leadership, Instructional Rounds, Professional Growth, and Collegial Connection, while taking advantage of the power in networking both between schools and within schools. As the Network of Innovative School Leaders expands support will be offered to both principals and key members of their leadership teams.

For more information, please go to <a href="http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/ssos/NISL.htm">http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/ssos/NISL.htm</a> or contact:

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# **Response to Intervention**

Idaho's Response to Intervention is part of our statewide system of support. It is a *preventative process* that schools can use to assist all children academically or behaviorally. This multi-tiered (sometimes known as multi-level) framework promotes school improvement through high quality, standards-based instruction and evidence based interventions that are matched to students' academic, social-emotional, and behavioral needs. RTI seeks to maximize student achievement and reduce

behavior problems through universal screeners, early analysis of data, frequent progress monitoring checks, and researched based instructional practices. RTI uses a problem solving team approach based on data with urgency and efficiency to maximize the growth of all students to prepare them to be successful adults in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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# **Special Education Statewide Technical Assistance (SESTA)**

The SESTA project is designed to help build capacity within school systems statewide and empower special education staff to become instructional leaders and experts in their specific fields of practice.

The mission of the project is to provide statewide coordinated technical assistance and high quality professional development opportunities to Idaho special education personnel. Project activities will build capacity and maximize school improvement efforts by bringing special education personnel and

regular education personnel together to integrate services for students with disabilities.

The project goals are as follows:

- To increase the use of consultants and coaches delivering specialized skills to support school improvement.
- To build statewide capacity for improved special education services.
- To improve special education teacher retention.
- To facilitate district buy in to "grow their own experts".
- To provide professional development opportunities.
- To create ongoing professional development with higher education opportunities for Idaho special educators.

For more information, please go to <a href="http://csi.boisestate.edu/sesta">http://csi.boisestate.edu/sesta</a> or contact:

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# Superintendents Network of Support

The Idaho Superintendents Network of Support is a project developed by ISDE in conjunction with Neuhaus Education Center and BSU's Center for School Improvement. It supports the work of district leaders in improving outcomes for all students by focusing on the quality of instruction.

The network is comprised of over 30 superintendents who work together to develop a cohesive and dedicated leadership community focused on excellence in teaching. They support each other as they bring about change and collectively brainstorm obstacles that may prevent improvement in the quality of the instruction in their districts. The Department acts as a resource and provides the necessary research, experts, and planning to bring superintendents from across the state together to discuss self-identified issues.

For more information, please go to http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/ssos/suptNetworkofSupport/ or contact:

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