



BRAD LITTLE  
GOVERNOR

March 21, 2019

The Honorable Janice McGeachin  
President of the Senate  
Idaho Legislature  
Boise, ID 83720

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Dear Madam President,

I hereby advise you that I have transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following Senate Bill, to wit:

**S 1058**

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 2:05 p.m. on March 20, 2019.

Charter schools offer many benefits to Idaho families, particularly greater choice in education. When public charter schools (PCS) were created in Idaho in 1998, the expectation was these schools would be laboratories for innovation in student achievement and successful learning—a model that schools across Idaho would be able to learn from.

With the increased flexibility of this new certificate, there is a clear expectation that there be more evidence of charter school innovation and, most importantly, that these innovative approaches in teaching and learning will have a positive impact for all Idaho's public schools. Our traditional public schools serve the vast majority of Idaho kids and represent our constitutional obligation for a free, thorough, and uniform system of education across Idaho.

Additionally, the school leaders we choose do matter. Authorizing this alternative certificate for PCS administrators presupposes this question: If more expanded, non-traditional leadership options are good enough for charters and their boards to consider, why cannot public school districts and their boards consider this same kind of option for public schools?

Finally, I have listened closely to those concerned about the consequences of this bill and I will be closely watching its impacts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Little".

Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho

Cc: Secretary of State