The Honorable Scott Bedke  
Speaker of the House  
Idaho Legislature  
Boise, ID 83720

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear Mr. Speaker,

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

H 293

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 10:15 a.m. on April 8, 2019.

I appreciate the Legislature’s ongoing efforts to improve our public education system. I signed H 293 with the understanding that the bill’s definitions, rule-making authority for enrollment, and required reports will assist legislators and stakeholders in the important discussions and work around improving Idaho’s school finance system.

There were robust discussions around the definitions outlined in H 293. Specifically, I understand that the “local salary schedule” definition is intended to assist school districts and charter schools in reporting their salary schedules to the State Department of Education. That definition is not intended to constrain local control or change the current operations of the career ladder allocation by mandating an additional minimum salary for educators holding a professional endorsement. The current requirement for a minimum salary for educators is provided specifically in Idaho Code sections 33-1004E(1) and 33-1004E(3), and remains unchanged by H 293.

Sincerely,

Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho

Cc: Secretary of State