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STATE BOARD MOVES FORWARD WITH ONLINE LEARNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

(Boise). Calling it a major step in preparing Idaho students for their journey to be career/college ready, the Idaho State Board of Education unanimously approved an administrative rule that requires two credits of online learning for high school graduation.

"This is important," said Board Secretary Don Soltman of Rathdrum. *"We live in a digital age and we must do right by our students and give them an opportunity to learn in this environment before they go on to their post-secondary education."* Soltman chaired the Board's sub-committee that worked on the rule which requires the graduating class of 2016 to complete the online credits.

There will be a 21 day public comment period for people to give further input on the rule. The Idaho Legislature will then have an opportunity to review and approve the rule in January 2012.

The Board also approved a request from Boise State University to proceed with the work at Dona Larsen Park as part of their overall project to expand Bronco Stadium. The Board had expressed concerns over pedestrian safety primarily during high school athletic events. The Boise School District has had a long standing agreement to use Boise State Facilities for football and would continue that agreement in the new facility at Dona Larsen Park.

The Board's next regularly scheduled meeting is set for October 19-20, 2011 in Lewiston at Lewis-Clark State College.

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