



February 15, 2010

Idaho School Boards Association Board of Directors:
c/o Wayne Freeman
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Dear Wayne,

The Oklahoma Schools Boards Association in conjunction with the Cooperative Council of School Administrators is in the process of forming an interlocal group for the sole purpose of Virtual Learning. The purpose for this letter is to outline our organizations' efforts to model the Idaho Digital Learning Academy.

We have spent an extensive amount of time researching different delivery models for virtual learning. After reviewing various types of programs, including "for profit" and interlocal formats, the Idaho model rose to the top as an outstanding platform for virtual coursework distribution. The most intriguing factor in the Idaho model is that it is a not for profit school model run by educators. As opposed to using a for profit model, this protects against the potential siphoning off of funds by private vendors. In our determination, we hope to see these dollars stay with the local school districts.

We strongly support the Idaho model. In addition, we look forward to a positive transition for our interlocal group based upon the Idaho model.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Jeff B. Mills". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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