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Dear Board Members:

As we gear up for another legislative session and continue our focus on implementing the 20 recommendations of the Task Force, I want to ensure that the Board has clear direction on your role in the K through Career education agenda.

Over the last several years, the Board has focused mainly on higher education, at my request. With the work you have done guiding the Task Force and with the importance of implementing the recommendations, I believe the Board must take a more active role in K-12 issues. We must maintain the momentum of the last two legislative sessions and continue to advocate for funding of the initiatives. It is also imperative that the implementation itself be conducted in a thorough, meaningful and transparent manner.

To this end, it may be necessary for the Board to assume management of various Task Force initiatives. I will advocate with the legislature to provide the Board with the resources, including funding and staff, to administer those initiatives that would benefit from Board oversight and management. I pledge you my support and assistance as we continue this important work.

I thank you all for the excellent work you do to provide Idaho citizens with opportunities for a high quality education K through Career.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.L. Butch Otter".

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C.L. "Butch" Otter
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