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The Problem

As the public school system has become more controlled by the "central planning" of unions and bureaucrats, it has become less responsive to the voices of parents, students, and teachers. Half of all state tax revenues collected in the State of Idaho go to fund education, and the Educational Industrial Complex is demanding more tax dollars. In the face of rapid state growth and aggressive federal efforts to "launder" dangerous anti-American ideas into the minds of our rising generation, decisive leadership is needed.

The Solution

In the Founder's blueprint, problems are solved by returning power to the people. Families should choose how their children are educated, not lobbyists and teachers unions. More choices mean more innovation. Ed's plan will restore the free exchange of ideas, rein in the cost of the education bureaucracy, return educational choices back to the parents, and give teachers more choices within their profession. Seven out of eight members of the State Board of Education are appointed by the Governor. No real change will come to education unless you have a governor who will champion that change.

1) Ed's plan gives a voucher to every school-age student for parents to choose from a robust network of public schools, charter schools, private schools, or home-school. Opponents predictably complain that school choice will ruin our public school system. Ed believes that if tax dollars and choices are placed back into the hands of the parents and teachers, they will find the solutions to their children's educational needs.



2) Ed has pledged his support for accurate American history and patriotic civics education by signing the Governor Candidate Pledge at www.1776action.org.

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Ed will defend Idaho against state tax-dollars, federal grants, and non-profit monies, that fund the teaching of "critical race theory." **He will ask each member of the Idaho State Board of Education to sign a pledge affirming the findings and recommendations of President Trump's 1776 Commission.** Any member of the Idaho State Board of Education who is unwilling to take the pledge will be asked to resign.

To those who argue that this position violates First Amendment rights, Ed asserts that the Idaho State Constitution disallows any classification of pupils on the grounds of race or color.

3) Ed's plan will reward innovation by offering low-interest loans for talented teachers to buy buildings to open small schools. Imagine how education will thrive when exceptional teachers unite their talents and curriculum choices are made collaboratively by parents and teachers.

In small school settings, teachers will have the freedom to teach at the individual student's learning level, rather than conform to rigid institutional grade-level standards. Rewarding innovation creates a system that is more accountable to parent values and student needs, where hard-working teachers thrive professionally, and poor teachers are no longer protected by unions. Teachers will also have more freedom from union influences that conflict with their political or personal beliefs.

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction... It must be fought for, protected, and handed on...

-Ronald Reagan