



Invest in Idaho FAQ

Basic Principles:

- Idaho hasn't been investing in education (we're 50th in the nation) for years and we all suffer.
- As a result, **we are leaving thousands (7,600+) of jobs unfilled every year worth \$516 million in unclaimed wages.**
- Idaho families and communities are being left behind – especially in rural areas.

Invest in Idaho Initiative

- The initiative would raise **between \$170-200 million per year for Idaho K-12 public schools.**
- **The money would go into a dedicated fund to invest in competitive teacher pay, reduction of classroom sizes, full-day-kindergarten, classroom materials, career-technical education, support staff, art, music and drama classes, and special education.**
- The money would NOT be used for bureaucratic raises, football equipment or other non-education related issues.
- The money would be distributed equitably around the state based on current funding formulas. **This is about \$600 per student.**

How it would be paid for

- The initiative calls for a **MODEST increases on income OVER a quarter-million for individuals.** (3% increase)
- The initiative calls for a **MODEST increase on income OVER a half-million for couples.** (3% increase)
- **95% of Idahoans would see no change.**
- The initiative **would return corporate taxes back to what they were in 2000.** (1% increase)
 - Very few businesses pay the Idaho corporate tax.
 - Those who do are mostly out-of-state corporations (like Wal-Mart or McDonalds).

Who does this benefit?

- **Every Idahoan** in the state.
- **Businesses:** Every Task Force, Committee and Working Group over the last decade has concluded that Idaho's biggest challenge is creating a skilled workforce of people who can fill the family-supporting jobs that Idaho leaves on the table every year.
- **Families:** Idaho has already left a generation of children behind – we can't afford to do that to the next generation.

Bottom Line Message

- **Keep Idaho teachers in Idaho** by paying competitive salaries so they don't have to pay for their own supplies.
- Invest in **career-technical programs which are a potential gold mine for our kids.**
- **Level the playing field for ALL Idaho communities** – eliminate the “have” and “have nots” system we currently operate under.
- We can do so by **raising rates that are pennies-on-the-dollar.**
- **Put the supplemental back into supplemental levy.**
- Everyone benefits as a result.