

# Weekly Board Notes

July 13, 2023



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## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Trustees, Coeur d'Alene Public Schools  
**From:** Dr. Shon Hocker, Superintendent  
Dr. Mike Nelson, Deputy Superintendent  
Mr. Trent Derrick, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education  
**Date:** July 12, 2023  
**Re:** "Go-On" Rate Comparison for Local/Like-sized Idaho Districts

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The college-going rate (also known as the "Go-On Rate") measures the share of an Idaho public high school graduating class who attend a postsecondary institution after high school graduation. Since 2010, the state Board of Education and Idaho political and business leaders have coalesced behind a 10-year goal to boost college completion rates with a stated goal of "60 percent of Idaho's 25- to 34-year-olds hold some form college degree or certificate" by 2020.

While we are past the goal timeline, our district continues to watch the "Go-On" rate for students entering post-secondary institutions, including trade schools, immediately after graduation and up to three years after receiving their diploma. We can also track the locations of institutions, fields of study, and time to achieve advanced degrees.

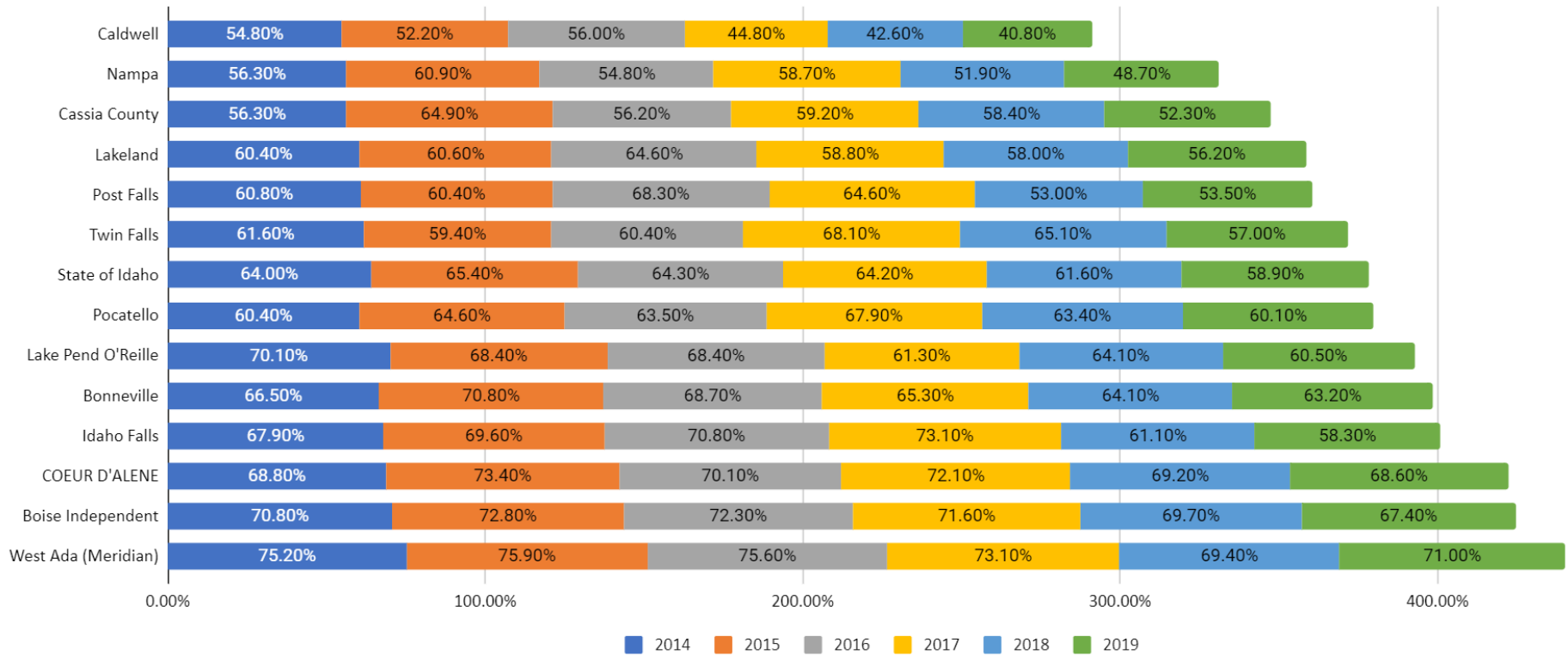
Because of the large population in the state who serve in church missions directly after high school, Idaho uses the National Student Clearinghouse's "three-year entry" data, identifying students who enroll in any post-secondary institution within that period. Below is a comparison of our district's rates with similar-sized and local school districts, sorted from the lowest overall average over the past six graduating classes through the class of 2019:

[Green highlighted cells indicate the highest percentage by graduation class.]

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Caldwell</b>	54.80%	52.20%	56.00%	44.80%	42.60%	40.80%
<b>Nampa</b>	56.30%	60.90%	54.80%	58.70%	51.90%	48.70%
<b>Cassia County</b>	56.30%	64.90%	56.20%	59.20%	58.40%	52.30%
<b>Lakeland</b>	60.40%	60.60%	64.60%	58.80%	58.00%	56.20%
<b>Post Falls</b>	60.80%	60.40%	68.30%	64.60%	53.00%	53.50%
<b>Twin Falls</b>	61.60%	59.40%	60.40%	68.10%	65.10%	57.00%
<b>State of Idaho</b>	64.00%	65.40%	64.30%	64.20%	61.60%	58.90%
<b>Pocatello</b>	60.40%	64.60%	63.50%	67.90%	63.40%	60.10%
<b>Lake Pend Oreille</b>	70.10%	68.40%	68.40%	61.30%	64.10%	60.50%
<b>Bonneville</b>	66.50%	70.80%	68.70%	65.30%	64.10%	63.20%
<b>Idaho Falls</b>	67.90%	69.60%	70.80%	<b>73.10%</b>	61.10%	58.30%
<b>COEUR D'ALENE</b>	68.80%	73.40%	70.10%	72.10%	69.20%	68.60%
<b>Boise Independent</b>	70.80%	72.80%	72.30%	71.60%	69.70%	67.40%
<b>West Ada (Meridian)</b>	<b>75.20%</b>	<b>75.90%</b>	<b>75.60%</b>	<b>73.10%</b>	<b>69.40%</b>	<b>71.00%</b>

Here is the same data in graphic form:

**Graduation Classes "Go On" Rate (Percent Enrolled within Three Years per National Student Clearinghouse)**



**Analysis**

Our district's "Go-On" rate has remained steady over the identified six-year period, trailing both Boise and West Ada school districts located in the "Treasure Valley" with multiple 2-and-4-year institutions within an hour's drive. Compared to neighboring schools, students served in Coeur d'Alene Public Schools attend colleges and universities 10% more on average than in those districts.



# Memo

Subject: Assessment Data from Board Assignments

Date: 6/14/2023

From: Heather Somers, Director of Assessment and Federal Programs

Board of Trustees:

As requested at the Jul 10, 2023 Board meeting, you will find corrected Istation/IRI overall data and overall district math and english language arts ISAT percentages. As was mentioned, College Board, the SAT vendor, does not provide statewide data for comparison. There are few articles that have shown this comparison for the 2023 school year and none that appeared to be vetted to the standard that I find acceptable. However, I will continue to look for this and will report back with the state to district comparison as soon as that information becomes available.

## Updated overall, district Istation/IRI Proficiency Rates

	Istation Fall 2022			Istation Spring 2023		
K-5	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Overall Reading	60.23%	20.64%	19.14%	71.43%	15.56%	13.01%

Please note that I have provided ISAT data that includes our preliminary 11th grade proficiency score and data without that subgroup. The state will send adjusted numbers once they combine the 10th grade students who were proficient last year with the 11th grade students who were proficient this year. We anticipate that those adjusted proficiency rates will be available by the end of July.

ISAT Math Overall			ISAT ELA Overall			ISAT Math Overall Without 11th Grade			ISAT ELA Overall Without 11th Grade		
Level 3 or 4	Level 2	Level 1	Level 3 or 4	Level 2	Level 1	Level 3 or 4	Level 2	Level 1	Level 3 or 4	Level 2	Level 1
45.6%	26.7%	27.4%	58.8%	22%	19.1%	48.1%	27.2%	24.5%	58.4%	22.4%	19.2%

# Memorandum

**To:** Coeur d'Alene School District Board of Trustees  
**From:** Dr. Shon Hocker, Superintendent  
**Re:** New Executive Assistant, Donna Speron

I am pleased to announce Donna Speron will join the Coeur d'Alene School District as executive assistant to the superintendent and deputy superintendent beginning on July 24.

Donna is a seasoned professional with years of experience working at the executive administrative assistant and office management level. She is highly organized and efficient, and is skilled in office support, project management, meeting and event planning, teamwork, interpersonal relations, scheduling/calendaring, and has a solid understanding of business practices.

Donna has served as executive assistant to the chief nurse executive at Deaconess Hospital since 2019. In this position, Donna developed organizational processes, workflows, policies, and procedures; managed projects; reported to senior leadership; coordinated the Nursing Daisy Recognition Program; and created the "Everest" monthly employee recognition program.

Prior to her work at Deaconess, Donna worked for seven years as senior executive assistant to the General Manager Division of Aerojet Rocketdyne, Inc. In this position she coordinated all company-wide events and coordinated executive travel for large corporate functions. She also worked for Universal Avionics Systems Corp. as an executive administrative assistant, for four years.

Donna lives in Spokane Valley, WA but plans to move to North Idaho soon.

## AP Signs Delivered

This is the fifth year recognizing our students with perfect scores on their AP examinations. Fifty-eight district students received 83 perfect scores in 10 separate subjects, and district office and instructional staff delivered yard signs to happy students and families. You'll see many photos tagged with @cdaschools or the #APinCDA hashtag.

## Public Records Requests

[Click here](#) to view public records requests from January 1 to June 30, 2023.