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TO: Idaho School Administrators and School Board Members

From: Matt Freeman, Executive Director, Idaho State Board of Education

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RE: Spectator Attendance at Spring School Events

The purpose of this memo is to answer questions you may have about spectator attendance this spring at extracurricular school events like track and field meets, debate tournaments, dances and graduation ceremonies.

Provided the state does not revert to Stage 2, these decisions will be made locally in consultation with your regional public health district and in compliance with Governor Little's Stage 3 public health order.

Last month, the Office of the State Board of Education (OSBE) released guidance for school-related events, which includes 40-percent facility capacity allowance for spectators. Although OSBE is not enforcing that limit, I strongly encourage you to abide by the guidelines, which were developed in consultation with public health officials and are intended to enable spectators to attend school-related events in a manner that is safe for all.

The guidance is posted on the State Board of Education website:

<https://boardofed.idaho.gov/resources/activities-plan-for-governors-orders-on-gatherings-and-spectators-updated/>