

# Empowering Parents Parent Advisory Panel

## Recommendations Rubric

### TABLE OF RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1	APPEALS PROCESS	YES	NO
1.1	<p><b>Idaho Code § 33-1031(3) – Barred Household Appeal to the Board:</b> Households should NOT be barred from applying for future grants.</p>		
1.2	<p><b>Idaho Code § 33-1032(5) - Ineligible Education Expense Appeal to EPAP:</b> An item purchased is found to not have been an “eligible education expense”.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="306 805 1577 951">1. The parent is notified that the item was not an eligible expense and given the opportunity to repay the cost of the ineligible item(s) and the household is allowed to apply for future grants.</li> <li data-bbox="306 951 1577 1089">2. A parent can appeal the finding to the Empowering Parents Advisory Panel (EPAP). Based on the EPAP determination of non-eligibility, the parent must repay the cost of the ineligible item and is allowed to apply for future grants.</li> <li data-bbox="306 1089 1577 1271">3. A parent can appeal against the finding of the Empowering Parents Advisory Panel to the Board. Based on the determination of the Board or its designee, the parent does not have to repay the cost of the ineligible item(s) and is allowed to apply for future grants.</li> </ol>		

2.0	CONTRACTOR	YES	NO
2.1	<p><b>Streamline the vendor approval process:</b> Streamline the vendor approval process and allow parents to suggest vendors or apply for vendors on their behalf.</p>		
2.2	<p><b>Enhance vendor offerings to address learning loss:</b> Incentivize and prioritize vendors offering services specific to addressing student learning loss because of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>		
2.3	<p><b>Expand vendor services available to rural and remote communities:</b> Expand vendor services available to rural and remote communities beyond physical education classes and enhanced broadband service.</p>		
2.4	<p><b>Expand vendor services to out-of-state vendors providing educational services:</b></p>		
	<p>1. Allow parents to select out of state vendors offering <b>in-person</b> educational enrichment opportunities.</p>		
	<p>2. Allow parents to select out of state vendors offering educational enrichment opportunities through a <b>virtual</b> platform.</p>		
2.5	<p><b>LEA's and Idaho Colleges and Universities:</b> Add LEA's and Idaho Colleges and Universities as vendors in the marketplace.</p>		

3.0	PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	YES	NO
3.1	<p><b>Accessing Services:</b> Allow for all students (public and non-public) to access services offered through LEA's (i.e. tutoring, extracurricular activities, athletics, etc.).</p>		
3.2	<p><b>Residency:</b> Allow for students residing in out-of-state boarder communities and attending an Idaho public or private school to access Empowering Parents Funds.</p>		
3.3	<p><b>Annual Timeline:</b> Adjust program timeline to align with the start of the school year to allow parents to access funds earlier in the school year.</p>		
3.4	<p><b>Awards:</b> Move faster through the awards process and shorten the duration between waves.</p>		
3.5	<p><b>Program Caps:</b> Increase the per-student allocation for program funds, and/or, increase the number of eligible students per household to account for all eligible students (K-12) within the household.</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the eligible student (K-12) allocation and cap the awards at three (3) per household.</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow <u>all</u> eligible students (K-12) within a household to receive an Empowering Parents Grant up to \$1,000 per eligible student.</li> </ul>		
3.6	<p><b>Program Support:</b> Increase the number of FTE supporting the Empowering Parents Program</p>		

4.0	ELIGIBLE EXPENSES	YES	NO
4.1	<p><b>Idaho Code § 33-1030(f) – Other education expenses and services as approved by the Board, upon recommendation of the Parent Advisory Panel</b></p> <p>a. Educational camps and classes offered for a fee by independent vendors.</p> <p>b. Non-technological education equipment that may be necessary to facilitate a student’s participation in educational activities (i.e. backpacks, computer cases, and tools for science labs).</p> <p>c. Fees associated with non-public school educational services (i.e. Homeschool Co-Ops).</p> <p>d. Public and private school tuition and fees.</p> <p>e. Transportation Costs associated with travel to support open enrollment for enhanced educational opportunities (“Learn Everywhere” bill) and therapy service providers.</p> <p>f. Physical education equipment, gear, uniforms, or pay-to-play fees required for participation in physical education activities.</p>		
4.2	<p><b>Reimbursements:</b> Allow direct reimbursements for eligible items purchased outside of the marketplace.</p>		