

Templates to voice support for the continuation of Idaho's Full-Service Community Schools State Scaling grant

Contact Info: [Reach out to Idaho's congressional delegates](#)

Email

Subject: Urgent: Support Idaho's Community Schools

Dear **[Congressman/Senator ____]**,

I am writing to share my deep concern regarding a recent grant discontinuation notice issued to the Idaho Coalition for Community Schools for the Full Service Community Schools (FSCS) grant. This action puts critical services for children and families at immediate risk.

Community schools work for Idaho. They help students succeed academically, expand opportunities for career-connected learning, strengthen youth well-being and mental health, and support healthier, more resilient communities by coordinating real, local support. Interrupting this funding would have significant negative impacts on schools and families across our state.

Please stand with Idaho's community schools and the children and families who rely on these essential services, and support the full continuation of Idaho's FSCS State Scaling Grant as originally awarded to Idaho.

Phonecall Script

Greeting: Hello, my name is [Name], and I'm calling from [City/Town], Idaho.

Who You Are: I'm a [parent/educator/community school staff member/community partner] at [School/District/Organization], which is part of the Full-Service Community Schools initiative.

What's Happening: We've been notified that the federal Full-Service Community Schools State-Scaling grant supporting rural public schools in Idaho has been discontinued, even though the federal program itself hasn't been eliminated.

Why It Matters: This funding supports services our students and families rely on—like supports for literacy and STEM, health services, career-connected learning, and afterschool enrichment that helps kids succeed in school.

Impact: Across Idaho, this affects 22 school districts and 47 rural public schools, and about 18,000 students. More than \$30 million over the next three years is at risk.

Personal Note (optional): For our organization, this funding means [brief example—e.g., access to counseling, family support, afterschool programming, a community school coordinator].

Ask: I'm asking the Representative/Senator to contact the U.S. Department of Education to seek clarification and to advocate for reversing or pausing this decision while appeals are underway.

Close: Thank you for listening and for supporting Idaho students and families.

Voicemail Script: Hello, my name is [Name], and I'm a [parent/educator/community school staff member/partner organization] in [City], Idaho. I'm calling because the Full-Service Community Schools State-Scaling grant supporting rural public schools in Idaho is being discontinued, putting vital student and family supports at risk. Please urge the Department of Education to reconsider or pause this decision. Thank you.