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To Chairman Mortimer and Committee,

Hello, my name is Todd Banducci and I am a Trustee at North Idaho College (NIC). I would like to offer my personal opinion on S1103. It is my understanding that there are some concerns regarding this legislation and I would like to speak to some of those concerns. However, as I offer my thoughts on the subject, I would mention that my experience at NIC is a bit different than that of a K-12 Trustee.

Some concerns:

1. Having new members start in the middle of the year (newly elected would start in January) would put them in the middle of the planning year.
2. Some folks complain it is trying to make the school board election partisan.
3. The superintendent's evaluation is usually done in Feb-March, but the Board of Education doesn't require it until June.

My response:

Yes, it does move the date for school board elections from May of odd years to the November general election in even years, but please note that elections for the non-partisan Community College Trustees and non-partisan Judges already appear on the November ballot. Plus, I think this will increase the visibility and participation in these elections as it does for the other non-partisan races, finally giving them the attention they deserve. The Trustees @ NIC are sworn in at the next board meeting after the election -- normally @ the Nov meeting later in the month vs in January. I do not think starting in November is all that negative or that big a deal. New Trustees just integrate in (plus December/holiday season are usually a "quiet" time for NIC) & work through the remainder of the school year. In fact, one of the positives of starting in November is the ability to be a part of the budget process for the next year. I suggest that new K-12 Trustees would also integrate in a similar fashion, albeit officially starting in January vs November, and would have adequate time to learn & participate in the district's affairs and tasks. They could utilize the time between their election & swearing-in to assist in the process. NIC's timeline doesn't exactly correlate to that of K-12 & the college has some different issues, but I think the comparison and parallel are valid.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. v/r, todd

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