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## CSI TO LOSE \$1M



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Director of the CSI Foundation Erika Allen, left, puts a butterfly on her daughter Alana's hair Friday, Sept. 13, 2024, during the second annual CSI Hispanic Heritage Celebration at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. The U.S. Department of Education last week ended the Hispanic-Serving Institutions grant program that benefited CSI.

### Federal government ends Hispanic-Serving Institutions grant

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The College of Southern Idaho will miss out on \$1 million in grant funding from the Hispanic-Serving Institutions program after the U.S. Department of Education last week announced it will discontinue the program.

The department in 2021 designated the college as a Hispanic Serving Institution, HSI, after it reached 25% Hispanic enrollment.

Title V Grant Project Director Brady Stimpson told the CSI Board of Trustees on Monday that the program awarded CSI a \$2.5 million grant over five years in 2022 with the objective of increasing the go-on rate for Jerome High School students, which has a high proportion of Hispanic students, from 41% to 50% while improving the sense of belonging on campus.

The HSI program also funds professional development for faculty, the implementation of culturally responsive curriculum at the college and a trip for 12 CSI students to Mexico City during Día De Los Muertos, Stimpson said.

The cancellation means CSI will miss out on the final two years of the five-year grant, spokesperson Matt Hartgrave said. The col-



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lege expected to receive a total of \$1 million in those two years.

The HSI program is a "vital grant for CSI's entire community but specifically our Hispanic students," Stimpson said.

But according to the Trump administration, the program is discriminatory and provides government benefits based on racial or ethnic quotas.

"Discrimination based upon race or ethnicity has no place in the United States," U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon, a former WWE executive, said in a statement last week.

"To further our commitment to ending discrimination in all forms across federally supported programs," McMahon said, "the Department will no longer award Minority-Serving Institution grants that discriminate by restricting eligibility to institutions that meet government-mandated racial quotas."

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## Petition to be filed to stop private school vouchers

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Public school advocates on Wednesday announced they are filing a petition with the Idaho Supreme Court to stop the implementation of the \$50 million private school tax credit scheme created this year through House Bill 93.

The Idaho Constitution is crystal clear, said Paul Stark, executive director of the Idaho Education Association. The state must provide a uniform, thorough system of public, free common schools, according to Article IX Section I.

"Members of the Idaho Education Association are standing up and asking the Idaho Supreme Court to act — to end this unfair, unaccountable, shadow education system and to do it now," Stark said at a press conference at the Lincoln Auditorium at the Idaho Statehouse, which was livestreamed on YouTube.

Boise lawyer Daniel Mooney, president of the Committee to Protect and Preserve the Idaho Constitution, said the Legislature exceeded its authority when it passed House Bill 93, which Gov. Brad Little signed on Feb. 27.

"Later today, we will be filing a petition to the Idaho Supreme Court asking the court to prohibit the state from implementing this unconstitutional program," Mooney said.

Under the new law, parents can apply for a \$5,000 tax credit for each child enrolled in a private school, or \$7,500 for a child with disabilities. The application process begins Jan. 15.

The bill states the government cannot require private schools to alter their "creed, practices, admissions policy, or curriculum."

"Imposing no meaningful requirements for academic quality or accountability is not thorough nor can it be even described as a system at all," Mooney said.

Alexis Morgan, a mother of four, said a private school denied admission to one of her kids because her family is the "wrong brand" of Christian, yet that school will soon be eligible to receive public funds.

Private schools that receive public funding, Morgan said, should be held to the same admissions policies as public schools.

"From a public policy perspective, when taxpayer dollars support schools with discriminatory policies, we are crossing a line," she said.

Just after the press conference, Idaho Democratic Party Chair Lauren Necoechea released a statement applauding the lawsuit challenging the voucher program.

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