

Michael Collins

Idaho Legislature Seat 7A



BACKGROUND AND PERSONAL ROOTS

Born and raised in Parma, Idaho, grounding him in the values of rural communities and Idaho's public-school traditions. He and his wife, Tracy (Saxton), are long-time Lewiston residents. Their two daughters graduated from Lewiston High as did Tracy and her father, giving the family deep ties to the Lewiston public-school system.

EDUCATION

Academic background is centered entirely in public education.

- BS, Boise State University
- MS, University of Utah
- Ph.D., University of Idaho (Education)

His doctoral work and professional career reflect a long-standing commitment to educational systems, student development, and public institutions.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Higher Education and Coaching

Nearly three decades at Lewis-Clark State College where he serves as Head Cross Country and Track & Field Coach. He is also an educator at LC State, teaching in the Exercise Science program and mentoring student-athletes academically and personally.

CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Former Lewiston Mayor and City Councilor

His leadership roles have focused on community development, public safety, and strengthening local institutions.

POLITICAL PROFILE

Conservative Republican, registered in Nez Perce County

CURRENT CAMPAIGN

Running for the Idaho Legislature, District 7 Seat A

POSITIONS RELEVANT TO EDUCATORS & THE IEA

Public Education & Vouchers

Does not support the current voucher system as structured. Concerns center on:

- Direct impacts to the state's general fund
- Potential harm to public K-12 budgets
- Timing, given Idaho's current fiscal and educational landscape

However, he has expressed open-mindedness toward future voucher-related ideas if they can be shown to:

- Avoid negative financial impacts on public schools
- Avoid collateral effects on rural districts
- Maintain accountability and transparency

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Collins' career in public higher education and his family's multi-generational connection to Lewiston schools reinforce his alignment with:

- Strong Public-school systems
- Local control
- Community-centered decision-making

LEADERSHIP STYLE AND PERSONAL QUALITIES

- Pragmatic and Steady - especially in administrative roles
- Student and community focused, with a long record of mentorship
- Team-oriented, reflecting decades of coaching and organizational leadership
- Values-driven, often referencing faith and service in his decision making

His blend of educational expertise, civic leadership, and athletic coaching gives him a multidimensional perspective on youth development, public institutions, and community needs

WHY HIS PROFILE MATTERS TO IEA MEMBERS

- He is a product of Idaho public schools and a lifelong participant in public education
- His professional life is rooted in public education, giving him firsthand understanding of funding, staffing and student needs.
- His vouchers stance is nuanced - conservative but protective of public-school budgets.
- His local leadership experience provides insight into how state policy affects cities, schools and families.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH 5:30PM

THE SALSBERG ROOM

504 Main Street Suite 111, Lewiston, ID
(Below Brava's Restaurant in Towne Square)

JOIN US for an evening of:

- Community connection
- Bites and beverages (no-host bar)
- Fun activities and prizes
- Election and voter education
- Pro-public education candidates

Featured Speaker:
Tim Sperber,
Superintendent of
Lewiston Schools

Lori McCann
ID House of Reps