Networking Notes

Participants visited information tables with college and career ready resources, networked with colleagues, and then included their thoughts on a flip chart about the following:

**Idaho students don’t graduate from high school or college because:**
- They are overwhelmed with the application registration, FAFSA process
- They are supporting family & selves financially
- Not all parents understand the value
- Bored with school—passion
- They didn’t get off to a good start
- They take over family business
- They lack family or community support
- They feel threatened by highly educated people
- Don’t want to take on large debt
- Not prepared for college

**Education for Idaho residents is important because:**
- I want educated staff caring for me in my old age
- An educated populace can make “better” decisions at the polls
- Higher levels of education usually leads to higher level income & less poverty
- Better living conditions for Idaho children
- It promotes lifelong learning for all ages
- Knowledge = power = a better world
- We need to compete economically with other states & rest of the world

**College and career ready students contribute to healthy Idaho communities by:**
- Volunteering or working in the public or school library
- Being ready to pursue careers that support Idaho’s economy
- Contributing innovative ideas/projects
- Helping create a culture of keeping each other interested in lifelong learning
- Service learning throughout the county and job shadowing businesses
- Keeping skills in Idaho

**Broadband access benefits your community by:**
- Connecting families
- Helping close the digital divide
- Increasing educational opportunities
- Online apps that respond quickly are more fun and effective
- Providing more access to online resources especially library resource
- Making the community appealing to business
- Search for/apply for jobs and options for online classes
- Connecting people to gov’t resources
- Making info access fast and fun