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**DEPARTMENT TO LEAD REVIEW OF TEACHER QUALITY AND  
PROVIDE FEEDBACK AND SUPPORT TO SCHOOLS**

(BOISE) – The Idaho State Department of Education (SDE) will be leading a study in an effort to further support school districts, to ensure that all students, regardless of race or family income, have access to highly qualified teachers and leaders in the Idaho public education system, Superintendent Sherri Ybarra announced today.

In 2014, the U.S. Department of Education announced its Educators for All Initiative to help schools and districts support high quality educators for students who need them. As a part of this initiative, Idaho is required to submit a “State Plan to Ensure Equitable Access to Excellent Educators” by August, 2015, to ensure how our students will be taught by experienced, qualified, and in-field teachers at the same pace as other students.

A preliminary webinar will be held on August 12, 2015 to provide more in-depth information to education stakeholders who may be interested in the review process. More information will be provided following the August 12<sup>th</sup> webinar.

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