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**DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR OF CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS  
RECOGNIZED WITH 2016 WOMEN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

(BOISE) – This year, Idaho Business Review (IBR) has recognized 50 inspiring and influential women as the IBR 2016 Women of the Year. Dr. Colleen Asumendi Fillmore, Director of Child Nutrition Programs at the Idaho State Department of Education has been selected and will be honored along with 49 others during a dinner and award gala next year at the Boise Centre.

With nearly 20 years of service to the State of Idaho at the Idaho State Department of Education, Colleen has provided guidance to hundreds of schools and stakeholders who provide child nutrition services such as the National School Lunch Program, Summer Food Service Program, and the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program.

“Colleen has been a constant resource for school districts and stakeholders across the state for many years,” Superintendent Sherri Ybarra said. “She has dedicated her professional career to supporting schools and other entities through the department’s Child Nutrition Programs, and this award couldn’t be given to anyone more deserving. Congratulations to Colleen and the other 49 inspiring women who are being recognized this year.”

Colleen’s expertise doesn’t end with these programs; she works with her staff to provide support and technical guidance through the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) rules, regulations, statistics, and finances to ensure that all recipients remain compliant and supported in the services they are providing to Idaho students.

A first person perspective of Colleen’s leadership is recognized by Dennis McNees, USDA Foods Program Specialist, who has been with the department for nearly 35 years. “I couldn’t ask for a better director than Colleen. She has been supportive of my work for nearly two decades; children being supported by the Child Nutrition Programs could not ask for anyone better to lead the division to ensure that children are provided the nutrition that they need to support their learning.”

Colleen’s hard work and dedication will be highlighted along with the other 49 recipients during the Women of the Year Gala on February 25, 2016 from 5:30-9:00pm at the Boise Centre located at 850 W Front Street. For more information about the event, visit <http://idahobusinessreview.com>.

For additional information about the Idaho State Department of Education’s Child Nutrition Programs please visit [www.sde.idaho.gov/site/cnp/](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/cnp/) or contact Jeff Church at (208) 332-6934 or by email at [jchurch@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:jchurch@sde.idaho.gov).

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