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Prospective Educators, Schools Invited to Connect at Idaho Department of Education Career Fairs

(BOISE) – In an effort to ensure that Idaho's schools and classrooms are fully staffed to support student success, the Idaho Department of Education will host Educator Career Fairs throughout the state in March and April.

This year's events offer opportunities for job seekers to connect with local employers, but with additional adjacent events designed to give district and charter school staff guidance on alternative authorizations, professional endorsements and more.

"Fully preparing our future educators and local education agencies to meet students' needs is a basic but essential step in ensuring that every district, school and classroom in Idaho is fully staffed, and that every qualified job seeker has a chance to begin their career in education," said Superintendent of Public Instruction Debbie Critchfield. "Creating the best outcomes for Idaho's students means getting the best people into our schools, and these events are a great way to ensure that we're delivering for students, educators and schools."

This year's Educator Career Fairs will take place in a series of two-day events with sessions designed for both attendees and local education agencies. The first day will feature a "Be an Educator" information session in which job seekers will explore the different routes to teacher certification and learn interview strategies to better prepare them for hiring opportunities.

On the second day, attendees will get the chance to connect, in person, with potential employers. Prospective educators are encouraged to dress for success and to bring their resumes, as some districts and charters may be scheduling or conducting interviews on the spot. Prior to meeting with candidates, local education agencies will have the option of attending technical assistance sessions covering alternative authorization, professional endorsements and more, delivered by Idaho Department of Education staff.

The locations and dates are:

- Idaho Falls, March 11 and 12
- Twin Falls, March 13 and 14
- Lewiston, March 18 and 19
- Coeur d'Alene, March 20 and 21
- Meridian, April 1 and 2

Attendees and local education agencies alike can learn about attending the information sessions in their regions and more on the Idaho Department of Education's <u>2024 Educator Career Fair</u> <u>webpage</u>. Schools and districts can also learn more about becoming an exhibitor at their region's Educator Career Fair here.

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