STATEWIDE SAT SCHOOL DAY TAKES PLACE ON APRIL 12TH, AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS IN ELEVENTH GRADE

(BOISE) – The Idaho SAT School Day will take place on April 12th, and is available to all students in eleventh grade across the state. During SAT Day in 2015, 16,792 students participated which encompassed 196 schools throughout 105 Idaho school districts.

To aid Idaho students, the Idaho State Department of Education with funding appropriated by the Idaho State Legislature, has contracted with the College Board to fund the statewide SAT School Day at each Idaho public high school. Registration for the SAT Day will occur at each local high school, and students may work with their school counselor to register.

“SAT School Day does offer students across the state the opportunity to take the assessment, and keep their options open in preparing to be college and career ready,” Superintendent Sherri Ybarra said. “It is important to remember that SAT School Day is available to all students in eleventh grade and also important to note that this is one measure. Idaho students are more than just this one assessment and other measures should be considered to establish the full motion picture of a student’s academic progress.”

The SAT School Day program provides tangible benefits for students and their families. Taking tests at school on a weekday enables students to attend to their weekend needs, events, and obligations. The program eliminates the obstacle of securing transportation or locating an out-of-school site for testing and therefore increases the likelihood that a student will take this important step toward college and career.

SAT School Day also offers the benefit to all students of providing a credential to apply to any type of college. Additionally, taking the SAT in a familiar surrounding, around familiar staff, eliminates test-day stress and could improve students' overall performance.

Last summer, the Idaho State Department of Education received feedback from 140 school districts, of which 84 selected April 12, 2016 as SAT School Day. For additional information about SAT School Day, please contact Jeff Church at (208) 332-6934 or by email at jchurch@sde.idaho.gov.

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