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**AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT IDAHO AWARDED
\$1.38 MILLION TO BOOST STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

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(BOISE) – Superintendent Sherri Ybarra announced today, that the Idaho State Department of Education has awarded \$1.38 million in grants to nine afterschool programs to help boost academic support, cultural enrichment, and parent and community involvement.

Funding for programs comes through the federal Title IV-B of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), known as [21st Century Community Learning Centers \(21st CCLC\)](#). The goals of 21st CCLC are to provide academic enrichment to help reduce achievement gaps, offer recreation and physical activity as well as social and cultural enrichment, and offer families of students more opportunities for literacy and educational development.

“This grant opportunity helps to support schools and students to thrive alongside their local community,” Superintendent Ybarra said. “These programs establish a positive environment for students that will help provide more robust enrichment activities.”

The competitive grant awards for the 2016-2017 school year ranged from \$124,000 to \$179,000 and are renewable for up to five years. Awards are determined by a statewide review committee and are based on the school and community needs and merit.

“Through our competitive grant opportunities, school districts and community-based organizations are able to establish relationships to create programs according to their local needs,” said 21st CCLC State Coordinator, Andrew Fletcher. “Programs offer a wide range of activities such as homework assistance, life skills, music, art, PE, financial literacy, STEM, career exploration, youth development and more.”

A total of \$1.38 million was awarded to the following sites across Idaho:

- Blackfoot School District \$144,000
- Cassia County School District \$121,413
- City of Potlatch \$168,638
- Kellogg School District \$176,706
- Kendrick School District \$133,457
- Notus School District \$173,699
- Payette School District \$160,000
- Wendell School District \$179,550
- West Side School District \$124,469

For more information about the 21st CCLC grants, please contact Jeff Church at (208) 332-6934 or by email at jchurch@sde.idaho.gov.

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