DEPARTMENT FILLS POLICY LIAISON POSITION

(BOISE) – The Idaho State Department of Education has made a selection to fill the position of Policy Liaison, Superintendent Sherri Ybarra announced today. Duncan Robb will begin with the department on July 1, 2016 and will focus on supporting the Superintendent in policy matters as well as being a department representative working collaboratively with Idaho legislators.

Prior to accepting this position with the department, Duncan worked as Engagement Manager for the Education Delivery Institute (EDI) working with both higher education and K-12 partners and is especially interested in the most effective ways to set targets and use data to monitor and visualize progress.

Duncan taught 6th grade math in Houston, Texas as a Teach for America corps member. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from the University of Oregon and a Master’s in Public Policy from the Johns Hopkins Institute for Policy Studies.

During his time as the Engagement Manager for EDI, Duncan worked collaboratively with the Council of Chief State School Officers to provide capacity-building support to state education chiefs and their agencies. Among EDI’s higher education partners, Duncan has worked with the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, as well as developing and facilitating workshops on Academic Mapping and Turning Data into Action for multiple higher education systems and campuses, including the University of Texas system and the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. Duncan recently completed data analysis for Sir Michael Barber and MBAE’s report on education priorities in Massachusetts.

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