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**DEPARTMENT ACCEPTING 2017-2018 FRESH FRUIT AND
VEGETABLE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS**

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(BOISE) – Superintendent Sherri Ybarra announced today that the state is accepting applications for Idaho elementary schools to participate in the USDA’s Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP).

To be eligible for the FFVP, schools must meet the following criteria:

- Be an elementary school (eligible students are Pre-K through 6th grade)
- Operate the National School Lunch Program
- Have more than 50% of students eligible for free/reduced-price meals
- Submit a complete application by April 28

Elementary schools with the highest free and reduced-price enrollment will be given priority during the selection process. Schools are awarded between \$50 and \$75 per student for the school year to buy fresh fruit and vegetable snacks to be served during the school day.

The goals of the FFVP are to increase student consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables, to expand the variety of fruits and vegetables children experience, to positively impact their present and future health, and to create healthier school environments.

For more information on the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program requirements or for a copy of the grant application, visit <http://sde.idaho.gov/cnp/sch-mp/ffvp.html> or contact Child Nutrition Programs at 208-332-6834. FFVP applications must be postmarked or emailed by Friday, April 28, 2017.

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