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PRELIMINARY ISAT RESULTS PRESENTED TO STATE BOARD, FINAL RESULTS AVAILABLE THIS FALL

(BOISE) – The State Department of Education staff shared preliminary results from the 2016-17 ISAT with State Board of Education members today.

ISAT testing wrapped up in May and districts are providing parents with individual student reports, and students are seeing value in the assessment in how it allows them to display their knowledge.

“We are hearing positive feedback from students that the ISAT allows them to display their knowledge by being computer adaptive,” said Superintendent Sherri Ybarra. “This is the type of feedback that shows value, and we are working to provide tools such as interim assessments for teachers to monitor progress throughout the school year and make adjustments.”

A high school student from the Kuna School District said, “I got to explain my answers on the ISAT and I like that I could take all the time I needed to finish. I love taking the ISAT on the computer because I use technology every day.”

Idaho requires all students in grades 3-8 and 10 to take the English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics ISAT and students in grades 5 and 7 also take a science ISAT. In Mathematics, students showed an increase in proficiency or remained consistent in six of the seven tested grades.

The department will update a more comprehensive report card this fall, which details the statewide assessment results from a state, district, and school level. Previous year results are available on the report card by visiting <https://apps.sde.idaho.gov/reportcard>.

This is the third year of statewide ISAT administration. The initial ISAT field test took place during the spring of the 2013-2014 school year.

Questions or requests for details on 2016-2017 preliminary ISAT results may be directed to Jeff Church at (208) 332-6934 or by email at jchurch@sde.idaho.gov. Additional details regarding results of the 2016-2017 ISAT are posted under the department’s assessment website at <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/isat-cas/isat/>.

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Note for Reporters: The attached Excel file displays preliminary ISAT results for the 2016-2017 school year in ELA/Literacy, Mathematics and Science.