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SUMMER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE HOSTS 39 MIGRANT STUDENTS FOCUSING ON LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES

(BOISE) – Nearly 40 migrant high school students from across Idaho will explore college and career options, connect with mentors, and hone leadership skills during a 10-day Migrant Student Leadership Institute sponsored by the Idaho State Department of Education July 17 to 28.

“We are excited to offer this leadership opportunity to our migrant students,” said Dr. Christina Nava, Director of English Learner and Migrant Education. “The activities are designed to help students develop leadership skills while exploring career and college opportunities.”

Students will first explore their interests, participate in service learning, and get a head start on transitioning from high school to post-secondary success during sessions held at Boise State University. Students will then have the opportunity to work directly with school counselors and nurses during the day and evenings. The Summer Leadership Institute will conclude with a weekend retreat at Quaker Hills located in McCall.

The Institute supports the department’s goal to ensure that all Idaho students persevere in life and are ready for college and careers.

“Since taking office I have been dedicated to expanding support for our English Learner and Migrant student populations, and this Summer Leadership Institute is another way that we can provide direct support to students in need,” said Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra. “This will be a great event, and a great opportunity for these students to build relationships, and explore all of the great opportunities that await them.”

The institute is part of the department’s successful supports for English Learner and Migrant students and the schools serving these students. During a visit on June 5-6, the Federal Office of Migrant Education conducted a desk review of Idaho’s Migrant Education Program finding that Idaho’s English Learner and Migrant Education department:

- Is a dedicated and organized support staff for school districts,
- Has a well-organized regional structure which funds five Identification and Recruiter Coordinators,
- Has a robust Migrant Student Information System (MSIS) and effective use of migrant data to inform state-level programmatic decisions, and
- Has strong alignment between Migrant Student Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CAN), Service Delivery Plan (SDP) and Consolidated Federal and State Grants Application (CSFGA)

To learn more about the Summer Leadership Institute visit www.sde.idaho.gov/events/migrant-institutes/index.html. Questions may be directed to Jeff Church at (208) 332-6934 or by email at jchurch@sde.idaho.gov.

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