DEPARTMENT RELEASES FINAL STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT RESULTS IN MATHEMATICS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

(BOISE) – Statewide ISAT results in Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA)/Literacy assessment percentages are being made available today, Superintendent Ybarra announced. With the release of ISAT results for the 2015-2016 school year, statewide increases were seen in all grades for both Mathematics and ELA/Literacy.

“I am pleased that we are making overall gains in both mathematics and ELA,” Superintendent Ybarra said. “Even though this is just a snapshot in the day of the lives of our student, and just one of the many indicators that we have to measure growth, it does reflect the hard work that is being done by educators across our great state to support students in their educational achievements. While improvements are being seen, we can't forget, that in addition, we have also seen improvements on our SAT scores as well; therefore, this also a great opportunity to take the time to congratulate our students on a job well done!”

Superintendent Ybarra continued by saying, “seeing positive growth on the ISAT doesn’t mean that we’re finished—work to support schools and students to achieve never ends. That is shown in our continued efforts to grow the ELA and math coaching models, improving early success in reading and mathematics, and putting more resources into technology to better support student learning.”

Results are now available following the assessment appeals window which allows school districts and public charter schools an option to appeal certain assessment results. A successful appeal would remove individual results from the overall participation rate, be it for a significant medical emergency, invalid education unique identifier (EDUID), or being a first-year Limited English Proficiency (LEP) student. The following are students who are considered to be a participant:

- Took the assessment,
- Received a valid score, and was assigned a proficiency level,
- Enrolled on or before May 6, 2016

All results are available by grade in the supplemental spreadsheet displayed for Mathematics and ELA/Literacy, with a comparison to results from the 2014-2015 school year. Additionally, a graphical comparison is attached to show growth in all grades from over the first two years of assessment administration.

The department is also making available a more comprehensive report card which details the statewide assessment results from a state, district, and school level. The report card is available on the department website by visiting https://apps.sde.idaho.gov/reportcard.

Further questions regarding the 2015-2016 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 2015-2016 ISAT are posted under the department’s communication Press Kits, and Frequently Requested Data webpages.

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