DEPARTMENT TO LEAD EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA) STATE PLAN FEEDBACK FORUMS

(BOISE) – The Idaho State Department of Education will be hosting forums across the state to gather feedback on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan, Superintendent Ybarra announced today. The purpose of the forums is to publicly present the ESSA State Plan for public comment and feedback. Substantive comments and feedback will be considered within the final version of the ESSA State Plan, as well as feedback from stakeholder groups.

The department will be hosting 5 ESSA State Plan feedback forums at the following locations:

**November 1st - 6-8pm**
Blackfoot School District
Blackfoot Performing Arts Center
870 S. Fisher Street
Contact: Ronna (208) 785-8800
parkro@d55.k12.id.us

**November 2nd - 6-8pm**
Jerome Joint District
Admin Conference Room
District Office, 125 4th Ave W, Jerome
Contact: Lorri Prescott (208) 324-2392
Lorri.prescott@jeromeschools.org

**November 3rd - 6-8pm**
Adjacent to Cassia County Joint District Office
Kings Fine Art Center, Little Theater
1 Bobcat Blvd, Burley Idaho
Contact: Pam (208) 878-6623 x 107
teeepam@cassiaschools.org

**November 7th - 6-8pm**
Moscow School District
Moscow Middle School, Room 108
1410 E. D Street, Moscow Idaho
Contact: Colleen Robbins (280) 882-3577
robbinsc@msd281.org

**November 9th - 6-8pm**
Caldwell School District
Canyon Springs High School Cafeteria
516 N 11th Ave, Caldwell Idaho
Contact: Jodie Mills (208) 455-3300
jmills@caldwellschools.org

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), each state is required to submit a State Plan articulating how the law will be implemented. The Idaho State Department of Education (SDE), under the direction of Superintendent Ybarra, is committed to developing a thoughtful consolidated State Plan that reflects both the new ESSA requirements and SDE’s strategic plan goals in supporting schools and students to achieve.

Idaho ESSA Consolidated State Plan Goals:

- All Idaho students persevere in life and are ready for college and careers;
- All education stakeholders in Idaho are mutually responsible for accountability and student progress;
- Idaho attracts and retains great teachers and leaders.
Developing the State Plan requires meaningful consultation with stakeholders representing a diverse cross-section of district and school representatives, professional organization representatives, and state leadership members.

The State Plan work is developed within the ESSA Framework Components by multiple SDE workgroups, each with external stakeholder representation. The components are listed below in the order they appear in the Federal Register.

Questions regarding the ESSA State Plan Feedback Forums may be directed to Jeff Church at (208) 332-6934 or at jchurch@sde.idaho.gov. Additional information regarding the ESSA State Plan may be found at http://www.sde.idaho.gov/topics/essa/index.html.

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