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TO: Superintendents, Principals, Business Managers, Charter School Administrators, Title I Directors, Special Education Directors, Testing Coordinators, Technology Coordinators and Public Information Officers

FROM: Tom Luna, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Weekly E-Newsletter

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REGISTER FOR THE ANNUAL SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING (GO TO TOP)

Registration is now open for the 2009 Annual Superintendents' Meeting. The meeting will be held Thursday, August 13 at the Meridian School District offices. Please visit http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/meetings_events/ to register. A full agenda is available online.

If you have problems registering online, please e-mail your name, title, district and the breakout sessions you would like to attend to mrmcgrath@sde.idaho.gov.

On Friday, August 14, the State Department of Education will host the 2009 New Superintendents' Meeting for all new superintendents and charter school administrators. To register, please send an e-mail to mrmcgrath@sde.idaho.gov.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES GUIDANCE ON CHANGES TO RACE AND ETHNICITY DATA COLLECTION (GO TO TOP)

The State Department of Education sent a memo earlier this week to all district superintendents and public charter school administrators to explain recent changes the US Department of Education has made to how schools and districts collect race and ethnicity information. These changes must be implemented in the 2009-2010 school year. The guidance is also posted on the Department's Data Collection page at http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/data_collection.htm.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with these new federal guidelines. If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Beckman at mmbeckman@sde.idaho.gov.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE (GO TO TOP)

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- Superintendent Luna will speak with teachers attending the Idaho Summer Institute of Best Practices on Tuesday, July 28 and Wednesday, July 29 in Idaho Falls and Wendell.
- Superintendent Luna will unveil an exciting new program for Idaho high school students at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 30 at the Discovery Center of Idaho in Boise.
- Superintendent Luna will visit Camp Invention at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 30 at Lake Hazel Elementary School in Boise.

WHAT'S NEW (GO TO TOP)

- **Update on new Grant Reimbursement Application** -- The State Department of Education has transitioned from the current Cash Balance Report system to the new Grant Reimbursement Application, as of July 1. Under this new system, districts and public charter schools will have to submit the Cash Balance Report before they can get reimbursed in the new system. For more information on the new application, visit <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/accounting/> and download the training webinar. If you have questions, contact Brandon Phillips at BCPhillips@sde.Idaho.gov.
- **Data Acquisition Calendar now posted** -- The 2009-2010 Data Acquisition Calendar is now available on the State Department of Education's web site. Please visit <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/administrators.htm> and click the link in the menu on the left of the screen. This calendar provides the various due dates required by state and federal laws, rules and regulations.
- **IDOC instructor job openings** -- The Idaho Department of Correction is currently looking for three temporary instructors to provide GED/Vocational skills to probationers/parolees at the parole office locations in Coeur d'Alene, Caldwell, and Boise. These positions will work approximately 26 hours per week for the duration of up to one year. To learn more, please visit <http://dhr.idaho.gov/dhrapp/stateJobs/TemporaryOpenings.aspx>.

NEWS FROM THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (GO TO TOP)

The Office of the Idaho State Board of Education today announced that the newly formed Idaho Bureau of Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind (IBESDB) will hold their first meeting on July 27, 2009.

The Bureau (IBESDB) was created by the Idaho Legislature during the 2009 session to be the direct governing body for the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind and its outreach services.

IBESDB is not under the purview of the State Board of Education, but now has its own governor-appointed board. Its members, listed below, serve for a 3 year term, appointed by the governor, with the exception of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, who chairs the bureau; they serve for the full 4 years of their elected term.



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Board Name: Idaho Bureau of Educational Services for the Deaf and Blind

Term of Office: 3 years

Member Name	Position Expires	Original Appointment	Board Position
Teresa Fritsch	July 1, 2012	July 1, 2009	Specialized/Certified Personnel
Ramona Lee	July 1, 2011	July 1, 2009	Director of Special Education
Laura Bondurant	July 1, 2010	July 1, 2009	Parent of Deaf/Blind Student
Steven Snow	July 1, 2012	July 1, 2009	Citizen who is deaf
Michael Graham	July 1, 2010	July 1, 2009	Citizen who is Blind/Visually Impaired
Tom Luna		July 1, 2009	Superintendent of Public Instruction
Jeff Faulkner	July 1, 2011	July 1, 2009	Member At-Large
Mark Falconer	July 1, 2011	July 1, 2009	Member At-Large

The Bureau will meet in the Barbara Morgan Conference Room, 2nd floor of the Len B. Jordan Building, 650 W. State Street in Boise, starting at 10:30am MDT on July 27, 2009. Included in the agenda of the first meeting is a budget hearing. Anyone interested in speaking at the budget hearing or open session needs to contact Aylee Schaefer at 208-332-1596 or aylee.schaefer@osbe.idaho.gov.

REMINDERS (GO TO TOP)

- **Update IDCI Database** -- School and district officials are encouraged to visit the Idaho District Contact Information database and update all contact information for the upcoming school year. Please visit http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/data_collection.htm and click on the "Idaho District Contact Information" link. Instructions for using IDCI are posted at the top of the web page.
- **Free Person-Centered Planning (PCP) Services** - The Council on Developmental Disabilities is pleased to announce the availability of expert person-centered planning facilitators around Idaho. Thirteen people have just completed intensive training to become Person-Centered Planning (PCP) Specialists and will work with adults and transition-age youth (14-18) with developmental disabilities who live in Idaho communities. Person-centered planning is a valuable tool used to help individuals with developmental disabilities create a plan for support and services that is focused on their life goals and dreams. This service is free to individuals and their families. Contact information for PCP Specialists can be found at <http://www.idahocdh.org/dnn/personcenteredplanning>.
- **Upcoming Transportation Workshops** – The State Department of Education, School Transportation Division will be holding the following trainings and workshops this summer. Pre-registration is required. Visit <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/transportation/> and select a workshop below the Summer Workshop Registration heading. If you have questions, please contact Angela Tracy at atracy@sde.idaho.gov or (208) 332-6851.



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- Bus Driver Training Workshops: August 3 in Blackfoot, August 5 in Marsh Valley, August 7 in Burley, August 10 in Boise, August 12 in Coeur d'Alene, and August 14 in Moscow. Cost is \$40 for trainers and \$30 for bus drivers. Training topics include loading/unloading procedures and driver/student relationships.
- Reimbursement Workshops: August 4 in Blackfoot, August 6 in Burley, August 11 in Coeur d'Alene, August 13 in Moscow, and August 18 in Boise. Training topics include transportation supervisor training, reimbursement formula changes, block grant, and new Reimbursement Claim form.
- **Mathematics of Personal Finance Professional Development** -- Mathematics teachers wishing to use the new Mathematics of Personal Finance content standards can attend a free professional development opportunity in Boise on August 18, 2009. These math content standards can be used as the basis for a district developed math course that will satisfy the new high school graduation requirement in mathematics for ninth graders entering school in the fall of 2009. For more information and online registration, please visit <http://www.sde.state.id.us/site/math/> or contact Amanda Salazar at adsalazar@sde.idaho.gov or (208) 332-6974.

UPCOMING DEADLINES (GO TO TOP)

- **August 10, 2009** -- The date the Professional Standards Commission Authorization Committee will meet to review Alternative Authorization – Teacher to New Certificate requests. Please submit complete application packets to Cina Lackey, Alternative Authorization Coordinator, prior to that date. If you have questions, please contact Cina Lackey at (208) 332-6936 or CLackey@sde.idaho.gov. You can mail applications to:
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- **August 13, 2009** -- The date of the 2009 Annual Superintendents' Meeting. Mark your calendars! More details to come.
- **October 31, 2009** -- The deadline to apply for awards up to \$500 for Teacher Scholarships and Classroom Mini-Grants from Northwest Professional Educators. All educators are eligible for the awards. Each teacher must submit a short application describing the continuing education opportunity or class project, an itemized budget, and the academic benefit for students. Teachers may obtain applications by filling out a contact form on the NWPE website at www.nwpe.org. All awards are competitive.
- **December 31, 2009** -- The deadline to apply for \$250 New Classroom Start-Up Grants from Northwest Professional Educators. Teachers new to their district or grade level are eligible for the awards. Each teacher submits a short application describing their needs for setting up their classroom. Teachers may obtain applications by filling out a contact form on the NWPE website at www.nwpe.org. All awards are competitive.
- **September 30, 2009** -- The deadline to apply for the American Association of School Administrators National Superintendent of the Year Program, which pays tribute to the talent and vision of the men and women who lead



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the nation's public schools. The maximum award is \$10,000. For more information, please visit <http://www.aasa.org/awards/content1.cfm?ItemNumber=890>.

- **November 20, 2009** -- The deadline to postmark an application for the 2009 Qwest Foundation for Education Grant, which is awarded to Idaho K-12 public school classroom educators who demonstrate innovative uses of technology in the classroom. Visit http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/tech_services/grants_contracts.htm to download the application form. If you have questions, please contact Jimmy Takata at (208) 332-6937 or JTakata@sde.idaho.gov.