Superintendent Ybarra announces $1.5 million in after-school program grants

(BOISE) – The State Department of Education has awarded $1.5 million in grants to 10 Idaho schools and communities to give students opportunities for academic achievement and well-being.

The funding is administered through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers, a federally funded program for after-school and summer learning programs.

“Children’s need for academic enrichment and engaging activities doesn’t end with the school day,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra said. “These programs provide a safe, encouraging environment that can reduce incidents of bullying and other at-risk behaviors during the crucial hours after school.”

The five-year grants range from $109,000 to $170,000 per year to provide salaries, transportation, equipment and field trips during non-school hours. After-school programs support and enrich learning in subjects including STEM, literacy, arts, social and emotional well-being, health and wellness, nutrition, physical activity, cultural diversity, drug and violence prevention and bullying prevention.

Grant recipients for the 2018-19 school year include:

- After School Kids, Inc. - $124,459
- Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley - $155,000
- Caldwell School District - $142,831
- Cascade School District - $109,931
- West Ada School District - $135,106
- Lake Pend Oreille District - $170,000
- Nampa School District - $125,000
- Parma School District - $167,000
- Payette School District - $170,000
- University of Idaho - $123,201

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