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National ‘Conversations with State Chiefs’ webinar to feature Idaho’s Ybarra

(BOISE) – Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra is one of three state education chiefs selected for a national webinar to discuss issues public schools are grappling with under the COVID-19 pandemic.

Superintendent Ybarra will join Superintendents Jillian Balow of Wyoming and Kirsten Baesler of North Dakota Tuesday, May 5, to discuss the differences in costs and funding for rural, suburban, and urban schools, and how this affects student access and learning in the time of COVID-19 school closures. Dr. Carissa Moffat Miller, executive director of the Council of Chief State School Officers, also will join the conversation.

This is the second in a series of National “Conversations with State Chiefs” events presented by the Hunt Institute. The first webinar, April 29, featured schools chiefs from South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia.

“I’m thrilled to take part in this effort to share information and ideas on student learning loss and equitable methods of getting students back on track when they return to school,” Superintendent Ybarra said. “Idaho, like other states, has unique challenges and resources as we battle this national pandemic, and it is valuable to share that information nationally.”

Interested Idaho school leaders can register for the May 5 webinar via the [Hunt Institute website](#).

The Hunt Institute is based at Duke University’s Sanford School of Public Policy. According to its website, the institute “brings together people and resources that help build and nurture visionary leadership and mobilize strategic action for greater educational outcomes and student success.”

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