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## **SDE launches search for new student engagement director**

(BOISE) – Matt McCarter, head of Student Engagement, Career and Technical Readiness at the State Department of Education for nearly eight years, is taking a major career step, so the SDE will look for a new leader for that important department.

“This is a great opportunity for Matt, who will be chief advancement officer for the Treasure Valley YMCA, and I wish him the best in this new chapter,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra said. “I’m happy that he will be able to use his skills and experience to serve our community and keep pursuing our objective of helping Idaho youth succeed.”

“Matt has been a strong and compassionate partner in our efforts to promote school safety, student wellbeing, suicide prevention, advanced opportunities, driver’s education and so much more,” Superintendent Ybarra said.

McCarter, who joined the SDE in February 2007 and became director of student engagement in September 2011, will remain with the SDE through May and support continuing efforts by documenting the status and next steps for the programs and initiatives he oversees.

“I’ve gotten the opportunity to do some really compelling and dynamic work for children and schools with the State Department of Education,” McCarter said. “I’m looking forward to learning about a new organization and culture and applying some of the things I learned at the SDE in a new setting.”

“It has been a privilege to serve students and schools under Superintendent Ybarra’s leadership,” he said.

At the YMCA, McCarter will be part of the CEO’s Executive Leadership Team and direct financial development, marketing and communication, development and strategic planning.

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