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**Supt. Ybarra appoints Todd Driver to lead new Content and Curriculum department**

(BOISE) – Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra today announced that Todd Driver will be joining the State Department of Education as Director of Content and Curriculum.

Driver is a certified secondary teacher and has taught and served as an administrator in Idaho schools for more than 10 years. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Commercial Art from Pacific Union College and a master’s degree in Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Northwest Nazarene University.

With the Legislature’s approval to expand the Idaho Mastery Education Network and provide more Idaho schools and districts with the opportunity to transition to mastery-based, student-centered learning, the department needed to ensure that effort had the support necessary for success. Adding a director to focus on content and curriculum and partner with Kelly Brady, Director of Instructional Support for Student-Centered Learning, will enhance the department’s efforts to support schools as they shift to a model where students advance based upon content mastery, rather than seat time.

Over the past year, the State Department of Education focused on aligning content and curriculum staff, resources and support with the state’s efforts to promote and support mastery-based education. This work will continue under the direction of both Driver and Brady.

“I’m excited by the many schools engaged in mastery education, as it encourages deeper levels of learning, helping students acquire the knowledge, skills, and characteristics essential for success,” said Superintendent Ybarra. “The combination of Todd and Kelly’s experience, leadership and passion for supporting students to achieve will yield great results for our kids.”

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