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Media advisory: SDE's FACE conference brings wide range of speakers to Boise

(BOISE) – A former principal of Columbine High School, a therapist who specializes in combatting bullying and an expert who uses sled-dog teamwork principals to strengthen family engagement practices are among the speakers at this year's Family and Community Engagement Conference.

About 350 educators and community partners from all regions of Idaho have signed up for the State Department of Education's third annual FACE conference, set for Boise State University's Stueckle Sky Center Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 8-9.

The conference is full and registration is closed, but reporters and photographers are welcome to attend the varied sessions. The agenda is attached.

Monday's highlights will include presentations by [Dr. Ronald Mah](#), a California based therapist who will discuss how school officials and parents can combat bullying within the school environment or social media, and [Muriel Summers](#), principal of the nation's first leadership elementary school to use the "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" as its foundation. Educators from across the state will speak, and other sessions will focus on [BLOCK Fest](#) approaches for educational play between parent and child, and the [Smarty Ants](#) free online preschool program available to all Idaho 4-year-olds.

On Tuesday, Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra will welcome conference attendees, and Chris Heeter of Minnesota's [The Wild Institute](#) will use sled dog principles to relate the importance of leadership and the diverse strengths of team members. [Frank DeAngelis](#), who was principal of Columbine High School when the Colorado school was rocked by a deadly school shooting, will share his experience of learning how to bring a community together. [Salome Thomas-EL](#), a Delaware charter school principal, will discuss family engagement and working with families in poverty.

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See attached agenda for details