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**SDE awards grant funds to help Idaho schools upgrade kitchen equipment**

(BOISE) – The Idaho State Department of Education has awarded \$124,312 in federal grant funding through its Child Nutrition Programs to help 10 Idaho schools purchase new equipment for their National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra announced today.

“Providing tasty, nutritious meals for students is an essential part of public education,” Superintendent Ybarra said. “Thanks to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Equipment Grant, schools across Idaho will improve their food service with new equipment ranging from freezers and convection ovens to a steam kettle and a massive mixer.”

The application process was competitive, with 29 School Food Authorities (SFAs) submitting grant applications totaling more than \$380,607 in equipment requests. Additional consideration was given to SFAs that had not received previous equipment grants and schools with a high percentage of students who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals. Other factors in the selection process included expanding meal participation, food safety, energy efficiency, and improving the nutrition and quality of meals.

More information about [Child Nutrition Programs](#) and [SDE grant opportunities](#) is available on the State Department of Education website. Schools receiving 2020 grant awards include:

SFA	Site	Equipment	Grant Award
Dietrich School District	Dietrich School	Steam Table	\$4,737.94
Orofino School District	Timberline Elementary	Convection Steamer	\$5,774.28
Murtaugh School District	District	Freezer	\$7,154.00
Boundary School District	Valley View Elementary	Convection Oven	\$6,967.75

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Richfield School District	Richfield School	Mixer	\$8,114.36
Emmett School District	Shadow Butte Elementary	Convection Oven	\$7,630.00
Hagerman School District	District	Steam Kettle	\$17,374.00
Bonneville School District	Ucon Elementary	Dishwasher	\$27,338.25
Kamiah School District	Kamiah High School	Convection Oven	\$6,800.00
Buhl School District	Popplewell Elementary	Walk in Freezer	\$32,421.42

Grant awards are contingent upon available USDA funds.

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