

Dear Superintendents,

Welcome to the Idaho Superintendents Network (ISN). My name is Tyson Carter. I am the new School Improvement/Educator Effectiveness Coordinator at the State Department of Education and I am excited to take the lead on this innovative partnership!

The Idaho Superintendents Network is a project developed by the State Department of Education to support the work of district leaders in improving outcomes for all students by focusing on the quality of instruction.

The network is comprised of committed superintendents who work together to develop a cohesive and dedicated leadership community focused on teaching and learning. You will support each other as you bring about change and collectively brainstorm obstacles that may prevent improvement in the quality of the instruction in their district. The Department acts as a resource and provides the necessary research, experts, and planning to bring superintendents from across the state together to discuss self-identified issues.

The plan for the 2015-2016 year is to encourage both introspection (in terms of your own unique strengths) and build collective capacity by offering a hybrid of both face-to-face and virtual learning experiences. There will be three face-to-face meetings, as well as webinars during the school year. The webinars will be archived and you will be encouraged to use the materials with your district team (cabinet, building level administrators, and teacher leaders).

## MEETING DETAILS

### Face-to-Face Meetings

- October 12, 2015, Springhill Suites Parkcenter, Boise
- December 8-9, 2015, Springhill Suites Parkcenter, Boise
- February 8-9, 2016, Springhill Suites Parkcenter, Boise

Webinars- (dates to be announced)

## **WATCH YOUR E-MAIL FOR DETAILS**

Travel expenses will be covered by the State Department of Education.

## APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Applications are due to Betsy Bearden, [bbearden@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:bbearden@sde.idaho.gov), by September 15, 2015. Please include your name, district and number, E-mail address and phone number. Please submit your application by E-mail.

**In a brief narrative (no more than one page), please respond to the following:**

1. What outcomes do you expect in your district and/or charter schools as a result of participation in the Idaho Superintendents Network?

If you have an questions regarding this project, please E-mail ([tcarter@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:tcarter@sde.idaho.gov)) or call (208-332-6917).