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**DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES RECOGNITION OF THREE
ADDITIONAL REWARD SCHOOLS**

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(BOISE) – Superintendent Sherri Ybarra announced today the recognition of three additional reward schools, previously required under the previous federal education law. The Idaho State Department of Education as authorized under NCLB annually recognizes Title I-A Reward schools.

Schools identified as reward schools during the 2014-2015 school year, based on spring 2015 assessment data, have the unique distinction of being one of the last reward schools identified under No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Under the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), identifying reward schools is no longer in the law. Each school will receive a monetary award from the Title I Academic Achievement Award fund.

Previously, two schools were identified as distinguished. Those schools were announced in December and are Atlas Elementary School of the Coeur D’Alene District (#271) and Southside Elementary School of the Lake Pend Oreille School District #84. The Idaho State Department of Education is honored to announce three additional reward schools for the 2014-2015 school year. Those schools are:

- Victory Charter School
- Twin Lakes Elementary School, Lakeland District #272
- Lava Elementary School, Marsh Valley Joint District #21

In order for a school to qualify as a reward school, it must:

- Be a Title I-A school with a poverty rate of at least 35%;
- Be included in the top 5% of schools that met all their annual measurable objectives;
- Meet the participation rate for the Idaho Standards Achievement tests (ISAT);
- Not have significant achievement gaps across subgroups that are not closing.

Victory Charter School, Victory Charter #451

Victory Charter School has been named a Reward school for being in the top 5 percent of schools meeting annual measurable objectives and for having exceptional student performance. For English Language Arts, Economically Disadvantaged students performed 37.5 percentage points higher than the State average. For mathematics, Economically Disadvantaged students scored 38.2 percentage points higher than the State average.

Victory Charter School #451	Percentage Points above the State average for Economically Disadvantaged Students, spring 2015
English Language Arts	37.5%
Mathematics	38.2%



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Twin Lakes Elementary School, Lakeland District #272

Twin Lakes Elementary School from Lakeland School District #272 has been named a Reward school for being in the top 5 percent of schools meeting annual measurable objectives and for having exceptional student performance. For English Language Arts, Economically Disadvantaged students performed 22.8 percentage points higher than the State average. For mathematics, Economically Disadvantaged students scored 19.1 percentage points higher than the State average.

Twin Lakes Elementary, Lakeland District #272	Percentage Points above the State average for Economically Disadvantaged Students, spring 2015
English Language Arts	22.8%
Mathematics	19.1%

Lava Elementary School, Marsh Valley Joint School District #21

Lava Elementary School from Marsh Valley Joint School District #21 has been named a Reward school for being in the top 5 percent of schools meeting annual measurable objectives and for having exceptional student performance. For English Language Arts, All Students category performed 11.8 percentage points higher than the State average. For mathematics, the All Students category scored 29.1 percentage points higher than the State average.

Lava Elementary School, Marsh Valley JSD #21	Percentage Points above the State average for All Students category, spring 2015
English Language Arts	11.8%
Mathematics	29.1%

The Idaho State Department of Education is very proud of the work that Victory Charter School, Twin Lakes Elementary, and Lava Elementary school are doing to help children be successful. Additional questions may be directed to Jeff Church at (208) 332-6934 or by email at jchurch@sde.idaho.gov.

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