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Superintendents and Charter Administrators,

Stand tall, stand proud, and stand together in response to the attached McREL report, because I want to be clear that this audit was never intended to be an 'I gotcha'.

We all know as a team that this audit was conducted with data from the 2014-2015 school year, which was prior to the implementation of the new Career Ladder requirements. The release date of this report has caused confusion due to the original auditor passing away, which did cause a slight delay in the release of the report. That being said, it is important to state that you as district leaders have my full support as I recognize you are working hard to follow the law; therefore, attached you will find a copy of the original McREL report and our response to assist you when you are speaking with your local boards, legislators, and community members alike. The report proves that you are not only working hard, but we all need further clarification as the expectations keep changing.

You are to be commended for voluntarily participating in the evaluation audit and for being fully transparent. Use of the McREL report, through a public records request by one media outlet without a sound and thorough presentation to provide clarity by the department to the Idaho State Board of Education members and legislators, is completely, and solely political and should not be tolerated.

It is also important to point out that teacher evaluations are under scrutiny across the nation, not just in Idaho and is likely that the new national administration will leave the solutions up to individual states; therefore, again, stand tall, stand proud, and stand together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sherri Ybarra".

Sherri Ybarra
Superintendent of Public Instruction

Attachments: McREL Desk Report on 2014-2015 Teacher Evaluations
Overview and Response to the McREL Report