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**DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF NEW WEBSITE TO
PROVIDE BETTER SUPPORT TO END-USERS**

(BOISE) – Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra announced today that the Idaho State Department of Education will launch a new website on January 1, 2016. The purpose of the website rebuild is to better meet the needs of end-users, focused on schools, students, parents, and communities.

“Rather than focusing on our needs at the department, the new department website focuses on our end-users—educators, students, and Idahoans across the state,” Superintendent Ybarra said. “We will be utilizing free technology and analytics to better serve schools, students, and all end-users.”

The homepage of the current department website (www.sde.idaho.gov) provides information about the new website to allow end-users the opportunity to become familiar with the new layout.

All questions about the new website and the upcoming transition may be directed to Jeff Church at (208) 332-6934 or by email at jchurch@sde.idaho.gov.

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