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**STATEMENT FROM SUPERINTENDENT YBARRA ON THE  
SIGNING OF THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA)**

I commend members of the U.S. House and Senate for their work, deliberation, and passage of the Every Student Succeeds Act. This is a strong first step away from punitive measures and towards increased flexibility for local school districts.

Now that the President has signed the Every Student Succeeds Act into law, it is an exciting time for education in Idaho to move in a more positive direction. This is a fresh start for Idaho, and reflects the open and collaborative approach that I have taken in working with local school districts and stakeholders—we will continue to work together in implementing the new law over the coming months.

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