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**Superintendent Ybarra announces \$1.5 million in after-school program grants**

(BOISE) – The State Department of Education has awarded \$1.5 million in grants to 10 Idaho schools and communities to give students opportunities for academic achievement and well-being.

The funding is administered through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, a federally funded program for after-school and summer learning programs.

“Children’s need for academic enrichment and engaging activities doesn’t end with the school day,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra said. “These programs provide a safe, encouraging environment that can reduce incidents of bullying and other at-risk behaviors during the crucial hours after school.”

The five-year grants range from \$109,000 to \$170,000 per year to provide salaries, transportation, equipment and field trips during non-school hours. After-school programs support and enrich learning in subjects including STEM, literacy, arts, social and emotional well-being, health and wellness, nutrition, physical activity, cultural diversity, drug and violence prevention and bullying prevention.

Grant recipients for the 2018-19 school year include:

- After School Kids, Inc. - \$124,459
- Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley - \$155,000
- Caldwell School District - \$142,831
- Cascade School District - \$109,931
- West Ada School District - \$135,106
- Lake Pend Oreille District - \$170,000
- Nampa School District - \$125,000
- Parma School District - \$167,000
- Payette School District - \$170,000
- University of Idaho - \$123, 201

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