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Darcy Announces Retirement from Idaho Education Services for the Deaf and Blind

Longtime Idaho administrator will assume new role in New York later this year

(BOISE) – Longtime administrator of the Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and Blind (IESDB) Brian Darcy has announced his retirement from the organization effective June 30. Darcy has served in the role for the Gooding-based school for the past 15 years. In July, Darcy will take over as the executive director of the prestigious New York Institute for Special Education in New York City.

During Darcy’s 16-year tenure with IESDB, the organization has grown significantly. He initially served in an outreach role after joining the school in 2009. Since then, IESDB has nearly tripled the number of students it serves. Darcy’s work has helped ensure that students receive the expert education and support they need to succeed in life, work and beyond.

“I’m so proud of what we’ve accomplished and I know that I’m leaving the organization in wonderful hands – I wouldn’t leave if that wasn’t the case,” said Darcy. “The growth we’ve cultivated and the ongoing success of our students has been an inspiring and humbling experience, and I appreciate the support we’ve received over the years from the Idaho Department of Education, Governor’s Office and the Idaho Legislature.”

IESDB provides specialized educational services to students in pre-K through grade 12 who are hard of hearing, blind or low-vision. It proudly calls itself “the Hogwarts of Idaho” for its unique residential setup and close-knit community of faculty, staff and learners.

Darcy graduated from Gooding High School before earning his bachelor's degree in psychology from Carroll College in Helena, MT and a Master of Science in Deaf Education from Idaho State

University. He grew up around the Gooding campus as his father served in the same role he now occupies.

“Above all, Brian Darcy is a tremendous person whose dedication to his students runs as deeply as any administrator I’ve ever met,” said Superintendent of Public Instruction and IESDB Board Chair Debbie Critchfield. “His tenure has been successful thanks to his big heart and commitment to serve his students. He’s earned every professional opportunity that comes his way, and he will be missed here in Idaho.”

Darcy will take the helm of one of the nation’s flagship schools for the blind. Originally called the New York Institute for Education of the Blind, the New York Institute for Special Education was established in 1831 and is headquartered in the Bronx borough of New York City.

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