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FIRST COHORT FOR IDAHO MASTERY EDUCATION NETWORK ANNOUNCED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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(BOISE) – The first group of schools that will participate in the newly created Idaho Mastery Education Network (IMEN) is being made available, Superintendent Sherri Ybarra announced today. The Idaho Department of Education selected 19 applicants that represent a wide and diverse array of schools and locations and will be supported by Kelly Brady, Director of Mastery Education for the Idaho State Department of Education.

IMEN was authorized in 2015 when Governor Butch Otter signed HB 110 to move Idaho towards a mastery education model. This model will move students away from the current time-based system to a mastery system and allow for a more personalized and differentiated learning experience. As part of the legislation, the Idaho Department of Education will lead this cohort of 19 schools in a transition to mastery education beginning in the 2016-2017 school year.

“I am very excited with the interest in the IMEN program, and the commitment of the awarded applicants who are eager to transition to a mastery-based education system,” Superintendent Sherri Ybarra said. “The beauty of a mastery-based education system is that it is rooted in local control and is truly from the ground up. Local communities, schools, and districts will determine through this effort what is best to meet the needs of their students.”

The first cohort includes:

- Three Creek School District
- Venture High School/Coeur d’Alene School District
- Silver Creek Alternative High School/Blaine School District
- Nampa School District
- North Valley Academy Charter School/Gooding
- American Heritage Charter School/Idaho Falls
- Meadow Valley School District
- Moscow School District
- Rocky Mountain Middle School/Bonneville School District
- West Ada Academies/West Ada District
- Meridian Technical Charter High School/West Ada District
- Wilder School District
- Notus School District
- Rivervue Academy/Vallivue School District
- Salmon Junior-Senior High School/Salmon School District
- The Atlas Alternative School/Middleton School District
- Union High School/Nampa School District
- Indian Creek and Ross Elementary, Kuna Middle School, and Initial Point Alternative High School/Kuna School District
- Clark Fork Jr. and Sr. High School/Lake Pend Oreille School District

In a mastery education system, students advance to higher levels of learning when they demonstrate mastery of concepts and skills regardless of time, place or pace. Advancements in technology, coupled with evolving workforce demands, require students be given opportunities to



achieve at a flexible pace, whether advancing beyond standard mastery or requiring additional support to achieve mastery.

Questions regarding the Idaho Mastery Education Network may be directed to Jeff Church at (208) 332-6934 or by email at jchurch@sde.idaho.gov. For more information on Idaho's mastery education initiatives visit: <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/mastery-ed/>.

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