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Superintendent Debbie Critchfield Invites Idaho Classrooms to Observe Constitution Day

(BOISE) – Idaho students will get the opportunity to learn more about the U.S. Constitution and discuss what it means to them as Idaho classrooms observe Constitution Day on September 17.

Constitution Day commemorates the signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787 by the delegates of the Constitutional Convention.

To commemorate the day in Idaho, Superintendent Debbie Critchfield is asking elementary and social studies teachers statewide to use the first 10 minutes of class time to talk about the document’s importance with lesson plans and discussion prompts provided by the Idaho Department of Education. The lesson plans are tailored to all grade levels and provide short but effective instruction on what the Constitution is, its history and how it functions today. Students are then asked to consider why the Constitution is important and what it means to them.

The department is also producing an accompanying video with Governor Brad Little, Idaho Representative Matt Bundy, Supreme Court Chief Justice Richard Bevan and Superintendent Critchfield highlighting the three branches of government and how the Constitution is important to each.

“These resources are designed to bring the Constitution alive for students, outlining the rich history of its creation and signing and how it functions in civics and government today,” said Critchfield. “By highlighting this important document, we give kids the chance to deepen their understanding of American history while encouraging them to engage in modern civics effectively and responsibly.”

The resources will be housed on the Idaho Department of Education’s website at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/academic/civics/>. Schools will also receive materials directly from the department.

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