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## WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATE

**TO: Superintendents, Charter Administrators**

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### SDE Personnel Note

- Department hires new director of Assessment and Accountability; appoints new Mathematics Coordinator.
  - Superintendent Ybarra has hired **Dr. Cheryl Finley of the new Director of Assessment and Accountability**. From 2003-2007, Dr. Finley functioned as the Director for Standards and Assessment with the Wyoming Department of Education. She has served the U.S. Department of Education as a peer reviewer for Standards, Assessment and Accountability.
  - Superintendent Ybarra has also appointed **Nichole Hall as the new Mathematics Program Coordinator**. Nichole previously served as the Coordinator for College & Career Readiness Assessment and English Proficiency.

### Notes from SDE Staff

- [The Department discusses Mastery-Based Education with superintendents in regional meetings](#)
  - [Superintendent PowerPoint Presentation on Mastery-Based Education](#)
- [Planning for My Future art contest open to all public school students grades 7-12](#)
- [Annual Continuous Improvement Plans update and review due no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>](#)
- [Don't miss the opportunity to showcase student talents in the Annual Holiday Card Contest; Deadline November 13<sup>th</sup>](#)
- [Idaho juniors may apply for NASA Aerospace Scholars Program through the State Department of Education](#)
- [Have you taken the Idaho Challenge? More information about the review of Mathematics and ELA/Literacy standards available here.](#)
  - [Listen to the Idaho Challenge Radio Ad ►](#)
- [Teachscape Update: HB296 requires three semester hours and proof of proficiency, in the state-wide framework for teacher evaluation, for recertification. This can be Teachscape or any program meeting the framework requirement. A B-7 form signed by the superintendent granting the credits does meet this requirement.](#)
- [Dr. Bob Marzano will be visiting Boise on October 12th to speak to educators offering more information about Mastery-Based Education. Please contact Dr. Chuck Zimmerly at](#)

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**Recent News Releases** (*Press releases distributed to the media*)

- [Three Idaho Math Teachers Vie for National Honor \(9.17.2015\)](#)
- [Superintendent Ybarra Releases Public Schools Budget, Highlights Support for All Schools and Students to Achieve \(9.2.2015\)](#)
  - [FY17 Public Schools Budget PDF](#)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks  
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