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TO: Superintendents, Charter Administrators
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Message from Superintendent Ybarra; Old Business on testing technology

This is a recycled message and reminder with the spring assessment season just around the corner. Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) has stated that support for Windows XP ended in April of 2014. Due to technology risks during the assessment window this coming spring, DRC will not be able to support Windows XP for their associated assessments. We will be communicating this message several times over the coming months, and if you have additional questions please contact Dr. Cheryl Finley at cfinley@sde.idaho.gov.

- Superintendent Ybarra

Notes from SDE Staff

- **New SDE website coming on January 1, 2016. View the new layout here**
- Department Seeks Participation in the 2016 Elementary Teacher Preparation Standards Review
- Attention Driver Education Instructors: $2,000 and $500 scholarships available through the "What Drive's You" scholarship program
- Assessment Regional Training's to be Hosted by the SDE Assessment Division
- Idaho's young artists invited to enter the Idaho Aviation Art Contest "Flying Saves Lives"
- Alternative Authorization submission dates have been updated, and applications are being accepted
- Mastery Advancement Program enrollment period is currently open. Learn how your district can receive MAP funding
- Instructional Management System (IMS) Funding Questionnaire Deadline Approaching
- Idaho Prevention Conference Presenters Needed

Down The Road…

- Click here to Register: The next Superintendent's Webinar is scheduled for January 29, 2016 at 11:00 AM MT
- Idaho Day Celebration will take place on March 4, 2016 to celebrate Idaho's territorial anniversary

- ISAS program seeks teacher mentors for 2016 Summer Academy

Recent Press Releases

- 18 Districts Receive Grant Funding for New Technology and Equipment *(12.18.2015)*
- Idaho Schools Join the Idaho Lives Project, Kickoff Sources of Strength Program *(12.11.2015)*
- Statement from Superintendent Ybarra on the Signing of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) *(12.10.2015)*

Recent Education Releases

- Notice: Districts to Complete Requests for Annual Teacher Evaluation Review Process *(12.18.2015)*
- Notice: Apply for Competitive Grants Under the Mathematics and Science Partnership Program *(12.14.2015)*

Merry Christmas to everyone, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks
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