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The Idaho State Department of Education (ISDE) is supporting the Idaho Principal Mentoring Pilot Project (IPMPP) for early career principals in Idaho. We will continue to support the already established Idaho Principal’s Network now serving almost ninety Idaho school leaders. This project is completely voluntary and will provide new to position multiple levels of support described in detail below.

The Idaho Principal Mentoring Pilot Project has been designed for the 2016-17 school year to serve new to position principals. IPMPP will not serve assistant principals or principals with previous experience. The program will have six mentors (this may change due to program participation levels). Each mentor will be working with three to six school leaders. The mentors will make one or two site visits to each administrator’s school or district per quarter, as well as make twice monthly phone contact. The confidential relationship between the mentors and the school leader will focus on developing the skills and dispositions in four critical areas of school level leadership. The areas the program will focus on are interpersonal and facilitation skills, teacher observation and feedback, effective school-level practices and classroom-level practices, and using data to improve instruction.

Three professional developments opportunities will be delivered at three institutes in Boise as noted below. It is strongly encouraged that principals participate in all three institutes. Early notification of the Institute dates will hopefully avoid district scheduling conflicts. The Idaho State Department of Education will sponsor the participation of each school leader by paying the majority of travel expenses, hotel, and meals while at each institute. It will be expected since ISDE is financially supporting the program that participating principals will have an implementation plan that they will share with project staff and their immediate supervisor or superintendent.

<i>Institute Topics</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Location</i>
Teacher Observation and Feedback, Interpersonal and Facilitation Skills	October 18 - 19, 2016	Boise
Effective School-level and Effective Classroom-level Practices	February 28 - March 1, 2017	Boise
Using Data to Improve Instruction	June 20 - 21, 2017	Boise

Interested early career principals should contact Tyson Carter, School Improvement/Educator Effectiveness Coordinator at tcarter@sde.idaho.gov for enrollment information.

Respectfully yours,

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