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**BOARD HONORS SCHOOLS FOR GAINS,
CLOSING ACHIEVEMENT GAP**

POCATELLO - The State Board of Education is pleased to announce 15 Idaho schools have been named Distinguished Schools and another 74 schools are being recognized for Additional Yearly Growth.

Awards were based on spring 2003 and 2004 Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT) results and are required under "No Child Left Behind" legislation. To be named a Distinguished School, a school was in the top 5 percent of schools that closed an achievement gap between specific groups of students. This year, the Distinguished Schools for 2004 showed a reduction in the gap between the economically disadvantaged and non-economically disadvantaged subgroups.

To be eligible for the Additional Yearly Growth Award, a school must have increased the percent of proficient or advanced students by at least 10 percent in either reading or math.

"Many of our schools are experiencing tremendous growth in student achievement," said State Board of Education President Rod Lewis. "These awards are meant to highlight schools that are closing achievement gaps and increasing student proficiency. On behalf of the State Board, we congratulate our teachers and students for their hard work in achieving these goals."

"I am pleased we have an opportunity to recognize some of the many success stories in our schools with these rewards," said Dr. Marilyn Howard, Superintendent of Public Instruction. "I hope in the future we can expand this program to honor more schools that are performing well."

Distinguished Schools in Reading

Boundary County School District	Valley View Elementary School
Coeur d'Alene School District	Woodland Middle School
Fremont County School District	North Fremont Junior/Senior High School
Jefferson Joint School District	Jefferson Elementary School
Madison School District	Kennedy Elementary School
Minidoka County School District	Paul Elementary School
Nampa School District	Parkridge Elementary School
Pocatello School District	Wilcox Elementary School

Post Falls School District

Prairie View Elementary School

Salmon School District

Salmon Junior High School

Distinguished Schools in Math

Blackfoot School District

RidgeCrest Elementary School

Cassia County Joint School District

Raft River Junior/Senior High School

Coeur d'Alene School District

Woodland Middle School

Council District

Council Junior/Senior High School

Fremont County School District

North Fremont Junior/Senior High School

Preston Joint District

Oakwood Elementary School

West Bonner County School District (Priest River)

Priest River Elementary School

Additional Yearly Growth Schools

Blackfoot School District

RidgeCrest Elementary School

Boise Independent School District

Cole Elementary School

Boise Independent School District

Lowell Elementary School

Boise Independent School District

Shadow Hills Elementary School

Boise Independent School District

Valley View Elementary School

Bonneville School District

Falls Valley Elementary School

Boundary County School District

Valley View Elementary School

Cascade School District

Cascade Junior/Senior High School

Cassia County Joint School District

Oakley Junior/Senior High School

Cassia County Joint School District

Declo Elementary School

Coeur d'Alene School District

Hayden Lake Elementary School

Coeur d'Alene School District

Bryan Elementary School

Coeur d'Alene School District

Woodland Middle School

Cottonwood Joint District

Prairie Middle School

Council District

Council Junior/Senior High School

Culdesac Joint School District	Culdesac School
Emmett Independent School District	Emmett High School
Filer School District	Filer Middle School
Filer School District	Filer Elementary School
Firth School District	Firth Middle School
Fremont County School District	North Fremont JH/HS
Gooding Joint School District	Gooding Elementary School
Grace Joint District	Grace Junior/Senior High School
Grangeville Joint School District	Grangeville High School
Idaho Falls School District	A H Bush Elementary School
Idaho Falls School District	Linden Park Elementary School
Idaho Falls School District	Fox Hollow Elementary School
Idaho Falls School District	Temple View Elementary School
Jerome School District	Horizon Elementary School
Jerome School District	Central Elementary School
Kamiah Joint District	Kamiah Middle School
Kellogg District	Sunnyside Elementary School
Kimberly School District	Kimberly Middle School
Kootenai Joint District	Kootenai Junior/Senior High School
Kuna Joint District	Fremont Teed Elementary School
Lake Pend Oreille School District	Sagle Elementary School
Lakeland School District	Timberlake Junior/Senior High School
Lakeland School District	Betty Kiefer Elementary School
Lakeland School District	John Brown Elementary School
MacKay Joint District	MacKay Junior/Senior High School
Madison School District	Adams Elementary School

Marsh Valley School District	Mt. View Elementary School
Melba School District	Melba Elementary School
Meridian Joint School District	Silversage Elementary School
Meridian Joint School District	Peregrine Elementary School
Meridian Joint School District	Spalding Elementary School
Meridian Joint School District	Summerwind Elementary School
Meridian Joint School District	Linder Elementary School
Meridian Joint School District	Lowell Scott Middle School
Meridian Joint School District	Chief Joseph Elementary School
Minidoka County School District	Acequia Elementary School
Moscow School District	Moscow Junior High School
Moscow School District	A B McDonald Elementary School
Mountain Home School District	Liberty Elementary School
Mountain Home School District	North Elementary School
Nampa School District	Parkridge Elementary School
Oneida County District	Malad Senior High School
Oneida County District	Malad Elementary School
Orofino Joint School District	Orofino Junior High School
Pocatello School District	Chubbuck Elementary School
Pocatello School District	Lewis & Clark Elementary School
Post Falls School District	Prairie View Elementary School
Post Falls School District	Seltice Elementary School
Post Falls School District	Mullan Trail Elementary School
Rockland School District	Rockland Public School
Saint Maries School District	Heyburn Elementary School
Soda Springs School District	Tigert Middle School

Sugar-Salem Joint District	Sugar-Salem Junior High School
Twin Falls School District	Lincoln Elementary School
Twin Falls School District	Sawtooth Elementary School
Vallivue School District	Birch Elementary School
West Bonner County School District (Priest River)	Priest River Elementary School
West Jefferson School District	West Jefferson High School
West Side School District	Harold B Lee Middle School

*Each school is only listed once, although several schools received multiple growth awards in different subgroups and subjects.