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IDAHO SCHOOLS SHOW DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENT ON ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS

(Boise). More than 362 Idaho schools achieved Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) according to data released today by the Office of the Idaho State Board of Education.

The 362 schools represent a significant improvement over 2007 AYP numbers when only 168 schools made AYP. *“Our schools, our districts, educators and parents, student- everyone should be very pleased with these results,”* said Board President Milford Terrell.

Overall, school districts showed exemplary gains as well; 56 of Idaho’s 131 districts made AYP, or 43% overall- up from just 27% one year ago.

Other 2008 Idaho AYP quick facts:

- 55% of Idaho Schools met ALL 41 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) targets
- For those schools who did make AYP, most missed only 1-4 target: averaging 38 of 41 targets or 92%.
- Of the districts already in School Improvement, 13 districts met proficiency to make AYP in 2008. If these districts make AYP in 2009, they will move to MET GOAL or complete compliance.
- Of the schools already in School Improvement, 72 schools met proficiency to make AYP in 2008. If these schools make AYP in 2009, they will move to MET GOAL or complete compliance.
- The target proficiency benchmarks will stay the same during 2008-09 school year. The benchmark is the percentage necessary to show proficiency.

Reading 78%

Math 70%

Language Usage 78%

- Overall Idaho total average scores in grades 3-8 & 10

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Reading	80%	83%
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Math	76%	79%
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Language Usage	68%	71%
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- 146 schools moved from ALERT to MET GOAL, thus staying out of SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT status.

- 626 schools were tested in 2007, 648 in 2008.

The complete results for AYP can be found on the Board’s web site by visiting www.boardofed.idaho.gov then clicking on Accountability Home (found on the left hand navigation bar “Popular Links) then on Adequate Yearly Progress then on Final Report Summary. This page will allow you to look at both school by school results as well as district results.