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STATEMENT FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION REGARDING U OF I PRESIDENT DUANE NELLIS

(Boise). The State Board of Education today released comments regarding the announcement that University of Idaho President Duane Nellis is the sole finalist for the position of President of Texas Tech University.

“The Board congratulates Duane Nellis on his selection as the finalist for the Presidency of Texas Tech University, and we wish him the very best,” said Don Soltman, Vice President of the State Board of Education. *“President Nellis has been a visionary leader at the University of Idaho and a strong advocate of higher education in our state. Under his leadership, the university has continued to build on its reputation as a nationally-recognized research institution and its commitment to student success and academic excellence.”*

Pending the finalization of President Nellis’ contract with Texas Tech, it is anticipated the State Board will commence a national search for a replacement. According to Soltman, *“The University of Idaho, as one of the leading higher education institutions in the country, will attract a high caliber of candidates for the presidency. The Board is confident we will find a leader who will carry on the university’s legacy of learning.”*

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