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BOARD ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS OFFICER

(Boise). The Idaho State Board of Education has named Blake Youde its new Chief Communications and Legislative Affairs Officer.

“Blake brings a combination of experiences that include education policy, community relations, legislative affairs and communications,” said Mike Rush, Executive Director of the State Board of Education. “We are pleased to have Blake join our team as we work to strengthen Idaho’s education system.”

Youde comes to Boise from St. Louis, Missouri, where he was most recently the executive director of ACCESS Academies, a nonprofit organization providing college-prep education opportunities to students of economically disadvantaged families. Prior to that, he was Deputy Superintendent of Institutional Advancement for the St. Louis Public Schools.

“I am proud to join the staff of the State Board of Education during this pivotal time for education in Idaho,” said Youde. “I look forward to supporting the Board and its efforts to enhance education opportunities for all Idaho students.”

The position was formerly held by Marilyn Whitney, who recently joined Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter’s staff as Senior Special Assistant for Education and Government Services. Whitney had served the State Board since 2012.

The State Board of Education is charged with the general supervision, governance and control of the state educational institutions and the public school system of the State of Idaho. To learn more about the Idaho State Board of Education, please visit www.boardofed.idaho.gov.

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