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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

(Boise). The Idaho State Board of Education elected new officers during its June 15th and 16th meeting in Idaho Falls. For the coming year, Emma Atchley will serve as President, Dr. Linda Clark as Vice President and Debbie Critchfield as Secretary.

The President, Vice President and Secretary provide leadership to the Board as it considers Idaho public education policies; sets tuition and fees for the state's public colleges and universities; and provides overall governance of public elementary, secondary and higher education in Idaho. Officers are elected in June of each year, with the positions being effective immediately.

The Board thanked Don Soltman for his service as President. "Don's leadership guided the Board during a very successful year in which we saw continued implementation of several recommendations of the Governor's Task Force for Improving Education, including passage of literacy intervention legislation and adoption of the master teacher premium criteria. At the same time, we were successful in several higher education initiatives, such as increasing funding for the Opportunity Scholarship and implementing the new Direct Admissions program." said Emma Atchley, new President of the Idaho State Board of Education.

The State Board of Education is charged with the general supervision and governance of the public 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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