

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OCTOBER 14, 2010**

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**SUBJECT**

Distinguished Schools/Additional Yearly Growth Awards

**REFERENCE**

October 2008	Board presented Distinguished School awards to three (3) schools and Additional Yearly Growth awards to 15 schools.
October 2009	Board presented Distinguished School awards to four (4) schools and Additional Yearly Growth awards to 53 schools.

**APPLICABLE STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

Idaho State Board of Education Governing Policies & Procedures, Section IV.B.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The Federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) provides that the state education agency (SEA) shall present and honor those schools whose achievements warrant, based on criteria set forth relative to testing.

Scores from The Idaho Standards Achievement Test ISAT are used to compute Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and in turn, Distinguished Schools and Additional Yearly Progress Awards. The Idaho State Board of Education (SBOE) is the SEA for Idaho and began to implement the recognition of these schools in 2007. Each school that earns the Distinguished School or Additional Yearly Progress Award is invited to be honored by the Board at its October meeting.

The Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) is an important component of the statewide student assessment system as stated in the board rule 08.02.03-Rules Governing Thoroughness. The ISAT is administered to students in grades 3-8 and 10 to provide ongoing monitoring of individual, school, district, and state progress. The 10th grade ISAT in reading, language usage, and mathematics is required for high school graduation. Proficiency on the 10th grade ISAT verifies that an Idaho student has met Idaho standards in reading, language usage, and mathematics.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – List of Schools Receiving Awards

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**STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that the Board commend each of the Idaho schools who have earned the Distinguished School Award and the Additional Yearly Growth award. Staff is also coordinating certificates commemorating this accomplishment to each of the designated schools and will present those to the schools on behalf of the Board for those schools which cannot personally attend the October 14, 2010 Board meeting.

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**BOARD ACTION**

This item is an informational item only. Any action is at the Board's discretion.

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**2010 Idaho Distinguished Schools**

- Peregrine Elementary School, Meridian Joint School District #2
- Whittier Elementary School, Boise Independent School District #1

**2010 Idaho Additional Yearly Growth Schools**

- Hailey Elementary School, Blaine County Joint School District #61 (2 awards)
- Mountain View Elementary, Cassia County Joint School District #151
- Peregrine Elementary School, Meridian Joint School District #2
- Whittier Elementary School, Boise Independent School District #1
- Priest River Lamanna High School, West Bonner County District #83 (2 awards)
- Horizon Elementary School, Jerome County School District #262
- Downey Elementary School, Marsh Valley School District #21
- Jefferson Elementary School, Pocatello/Chubbuck School District #25
- Winton Elementary School, Coeur d'Alene School District #271

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