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Idaho Senate Confirms Deborah Critchfield Appointment to the State Board of Education

(Boise). The Idaho Senate unanimously voted yesterday to confirm Deborah (Debbie) Critchfield's appointment to the Idaho State Board of Education. Critchfield was appointed to the position by Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter in July 2014.

"I am proud to be a member of the State Board of Education, and I would like to thank Governor Otter and the Idaho Senate for providing me with this opportunity," said Critchfield. "We have a real opportunity to improve elementary, secondary and postsecondary education in Idaho, and as a member of the Board, I look forward to working with my fellow board members, education institutions and community members for the benefit of all Idaho students."

A resident of Oakley, Idaho, Critchfield is currently the Communications Director for Cassia County Schools. She is also a member of the Cassia County Republican Central Committee and an active community education leader. Critchfield has previously served on several education-related boards, including as a member and chairwoman of the Cassia County School Board, Region 4 chairwoman of the Idaho School Boards Association, a member of the State Technology Task Force, a member of the State Dual Credit Task Force and president of the local elementary and high school parent-teacher organizations. Critchfield has also served as president of the Oakley Valley Arts Council. She and her husband David have two grown children and two still attending public schools in Cassia County.

"We are pleased to have Debbie join the Board. She comes with an understanding of the issues in Idaho education and an enthusiasm for making the decisions that are best for our state," said Emma Atchley, President of the Idaho State Board of Education.

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