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## Idaho Senate Confirms Dr. David Hill Appointment to the **State Board of Education**

(Boise). The Idaho Senate unanimously voted today to confirm Dr. David (Dave) Hill's appointment to the Idaho State Board of Education. Hill was appointed to the position by Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter in July 2014.

"I would like to thank Governor Otter and the Idaho Senate for providing me with this opportunity," said Hill. "Right now, there is a tremendous focus on improving Idaho's education system from kindergarten to career, and as a member of the Board, I am excited to contribute to this effort, particularly as it relates to postsecondary education and preparing students for the workforce"

A resident of Boise, Idaho, Hill is chairman of the Idaho Global Entrepreneurial Mission (IGEM) Council, a member of the Higher Education Research Council (HERC) and the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) committee that advises the Board of Education. In addition, he serves on the Center for Advanced Energy Studies (CAES) steering committee, and is on the Idaho Regional Optical Network's (IRON) Board of Directors. Hill is a retired Executive Vice President of the Battelle Energy Alliance and Deputy Director for Science and Technology at the Idaho National Laboratory. He holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a doctorate in mathematical physics from Imperial College, London University, and an MBA from the University of Chicago. He and his wife Georgia Meacham have five children.

"Dave has a strong understanding of postsecondary education and how it can meet workforce needs. This is an important perspective as the Board works towards our goal of 60 percent of Idahoans age 25-34 having a postsecondary degree or certificate by the year 2020." said Emma Atchley, President of the Idaho State Board of Education.

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