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IDAHO ADOPTS COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

BOISE – Idaho adopted the Common Core State Standards for mathematics and English language arts today, Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna announced.

“This is a great day for Idaho students. By implementing Common Core State Standards, we can ensure every student graduates from high school prepared for postsecondary education or the workforce, and once there, does not need remediation,” Superintendent Luna said. “This is our ultimate goal, and Idaho students are ready for this challenge.”

The Idaho State Board of Education approved the K-12 Common Core State Standards in November. For final approval, one body in the Legislature had to approve the standards. The Senate Education Committee voted unanimously to approve the standards today.

To date, 42 other states or territories have adopted the Common Core State Standards, including Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming.

Idaho initially signed on to join the Common Core State Standards Initiative in June 2009 to develop more rigorous college- and career-ready standards in math and English language arts that are comparable with any country around the world. The final standards were published in June 2010.

Now that the standards have been adopted, the Idaho State Department of Education will work with local school districts to offer professional development for Idaho teachers in throughout 2011 and 2012. The new standards will be taught in Idaho classrooms in the 2013-2014 school year. Idaho is currently part of a consortium of 31 states working to build the next generation of assessments that are aligned to these standards. Those new assessments will be delivered in the 2014-2015 school year.

For more information on the Common Core State Standards, please visit <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/common/>.

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