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BOARD MODIFIES TEACHER CERTIFICATION RULE

(Boise). The Idaho State Board of Education today approved significant changes to the Proposed Administrative Rule on teacher certification based on input and concerns from educators and the public. The rule now calls for two levels: a residency tier for teachers new to the profession and a professional tier. Below are specific modifications approved at today's meeting.

Two Tiered Certification:

Residency Tier:

3-year non-renewable certificate

1-year extension if the teacher is employed and receives a recommendation from the employing district.

Movement to Professional Tier would be based on current credit requirements and the following application information provided to the State Department of Education's certification division:

- Local evaluations (using Idaho Framework for Evaluation)
- At least one (1) measure of student achievement/growth for each year (from list of growth measures decided at the local level)
- Artifacts of effective teaching
- Individualized Professional Learning Plan

Professional Tier

5-year renewable certificate with renewal based on current credit requirements.

Additional Modifications:

Removal of the performance requirements (local evaluation and student growth) as part of the professional certificate renewal process.

Removal of the statewide assessments as required indicators of achievement/growth (they will be included on the list of student achievement/growth measures as optional).

Removal of the requirement for a second observer to perform one of the two required observations in the annual evaluation.

“We were listening and we heard the concerns expressed by educators and the public,” said Emma Atchley, State Board of Education President. *“The changes approved today are substantive and address the feedback and suggestions we received from across the state.”*

The Pending Rule will now go forward to the 2015 legislature for its consideration. The Board will continue to work on legislation to implement a career ladder to significantly increase teacher compensation and will work to incorporate suggestions and feedback on how best to proceed on that piece of the recommendation from the Career Ladder/Tiered Licensure committee. *“The Board is committed to advocating for more pay for Idaho’s teachers,”* said Richard Westerberg, Chair of the Governor’s Task Force. *“It is imperative that we have a system in place to recruit and retain effective teachers.”*

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