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**BOARD ANNOUNCES SELECTION OF DR. DON COBERLY
AS NEW SUPERINTENDENT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010**

Boise, ID --09/14/09-- On September 14, 2009 the Boise School District Board of Trustees officially announced the appointment of Dr. Don Coberly, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Boise School District, to serve as Superintendent of the Boise School District, effective July 1, 2010.

In making the announcement, Board members said the selection of Dr. Coberly will allow for a smooth transition of leadership at a time when the District is beginning implementation of its new Strategic Plan, Plan 2015. Plan 2015 will help guide the District for the next five years and includes strategies and goals associated with continually improving education in the Boise School District.

Dr. Coberly has served in the Boise School District since 1985. He graduated from Borah High School, received his Bachelor's and Doctoral degrees from the University of Idaho, and his Master's Degree from Boise State University. He has served in a number of positions during that time, including Elementary Teacher, Language Arts Supervisor, Curriculum Coordinator, and Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Coberly also taught in the Kuna School District and in Clarkston, WA before coming to the Boise School District.

As the District's Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Coberly has led a number of initiatives, including the District's efforts to expand its Advanced Placement course offerings. The District's AP program is the recognized leader in the state of Idaho and annually gives over a third of the state's AP exams. The number of exams taken by District students has grown from just under 500 in 1994 to over 2200 in 2008-09, while student performance in the exam program has remained stable.

During Dr. Coberly's service as Director of Curriculum and Instruction, District students have regularly scored above state averages on the Idaho Standards Achievement Tests, Idaho Reading Indicator, and Direct Writing and Math Assessments, even as District demographics have changed substantially.

Dr. Coberly's focus on data-driven decision-making has positioned the District well to continue to perform at a high level of academic achievement and continues to help the District receive recognition as one of the academic performance leaders in the State of Idaho.

On September 8, 2008 current Superintendent Dr. Stan Olson announced his retirement at the end of the 2009-10 school year, effective June 30, 2010. Dr. Olson announced to District staff at the beginning of the 2009-10 school year that he will spend his remaining months in the District fully engaged in the educational and decision making process in the District.

"I am extremely pleased with the selection of Dr. Don Coberly to succeed me as Superintendent of the Boise School District," said Dr. Olson. "He has a true love for our school system and community along with having the technical, conceptual and human skills necessary to continue the quality work needed to keep our students and school district moving forward."

"I look forward to working alongside Dr. Coberly to see that the efforts made to continually improve education in the Boise School District remain strong and that the initial implementation of Plan 2015 proceeds well and remains on schedule," added Dr. Olson.

Dr. Coberly echoed Dr. Olson's comments. "I have no doubt that the work before us to implement Plan 2015 will go forward and greatly benefit the students we serve," said Dr. Coberly. "I, too, look forward to working closely with Dr. Olson to ensure that the succession from one superintendent to another is seamless, smooth and most of all, effective for our students and community we serve."

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