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**DEPARTMENT APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF TEACHER  
CERTIFICATION, PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

(BOISE) – Today, Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra announced the successor to Taylor Raney who is currently leading the Teacher Certification Division. Lisa Colón, now serving in the position of Educator Effectiveness Coordinator, has been appointed as the new Director of Teacher Certification/Professional Standards Commission.

“We are excited to promote Lisa from within the organization,” Superintendent Ybarra said. “Lisa has the educational experience, internal fortitude and passion to be successful in this position.”

Lisa is a licensed educator with eight years of experience instructing middle school students and seven years as an elementary administrator. Most recently, Lisa has provided statewide leadership in educator observation and evaluation practices in an effort to support school and district improvement.

“I look forward to this new position and being able to support teachers and leaders in their practice,” Lisa said. “We will continue moving forward in Idaho to ensure that we have high standards for school personnel, which will ultimately benefit kids across the state with highly effective instruction.”

Lisa brings with her a B.A. in Elementary Education from Boise State University, an M.Ed in Educational Leadership from the University of Idaho as well as Administrator, Elementary and Secondary credentials.

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