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Australians Visit Idaho to Learn Online Learning Idaho Digital Learning to host 16 educators from Victoria, Australia

Meridian, ID (November 5, 2010) – Following a scouting mission to America last year, a team of teachers and administrators from Australia is returning to the United States to model their online learning efforts after Idaho's state virtual school, Idaho Digital Learning (IDLA). The team arrives from the Bendigo Senior Secondary College (BSSC) in Victoria, Australia next week (November 8-10) and will spend two days gathering information about opening and operating a state virtual school.

The team chose Idaho Digital Learning because of its nationally recognized, rigorous academic program and its unprecedented success throughout Idaho.

"We are honored that our mission and accomplishments in Idaho can help shape the future of online learning half a world away," said IDLA CEO Dr. Cheryl Charlton. "We look forward to sharing our staff's expertise and the experience we have gained over nearly a decade of educating Idaho's students and training staff throughout online learning."

Idaho Digital Learning was created by state lawmakers in 2002 and serves nearly 100 percent of Idaho School Districts.

The team from Australia will spend their time with the online education experts at IDLA's headquarters in Meridian, as well as touring some of the schools throughout the Treasure Valley that utilize IDLA and online learning in innovative ways.

What: Video/ Interview Opportunity

Who: Mike Caldwell, IDLA Academic Director and Bronnie Miller, BSSC Administrator

When: Tuesday November 9, 2010 12:00-1:00 pm

Where: Idaho Digital Learning Office, 1303 E. Central Drive Suite 200, Meridian, ID 83642

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Idaho Digital Learning was created by the Legislature in 2002. The state online school serves nearly 100% of Idaho School districts and 14,300 enrollments. IDLA is nationally recognized; ranking 3rd in the U.S. for Online Learning Policy and Practice (Center for Digital Education, 2008).

