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Dear <FIRSTNAME> <LASTNAME>,

In October, your student received a letter from the Idaho State Board of Education, notifying them of their acceptance into six or more of Idaho's public colleges and universities. Although they've been accepted, students still need to follow up by submitting application information to their school(s) of choice. Here are some important next steps:

- ✓ Visit the Next Steps Idaho website (NextSteps.Idaho.gov) to learn more about your student's options for going on to college.
- ✓ Use the Apply Idaho application (Apply.NextSteps.Idaho.gov) to submit application information to the colleges and universities they might want to attend. The Apply Idaho application can be used to submit information to one or more of Idaho's colleges and universities, all at one time, and free of charge.
- ✓ Fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon as possible. Your student will need information about your income to be able to complete this form. Filling out the FAFSA is the first step to being considered for financial aid, including the federal Pell grant, student loans, and scholarships offered by the State of Idaho and colleges and universities.

To take advantage of this acceptance offer from the colleges and universities, students must submit their application before February 15, 2019.

Upon visiting the Next Steps website, you will find information about this initiative, called Direct Admissions and Apply Idaho. There are also a wide variety of resources to help transition your student from high school to college, including:

- Thinking about career options
- Paying for school
- Finding the right college
- Planning for college visits

There's also a page just for families. This page gives you easy access to the information you need. There is a page for 12th grade students, which provides a timeline to help them organize their senior year. There is also a downloadable checklist you can use to make sure they stay on track.

We know you and your student face big decisions this year, and the State Board of Education can help by providing information and support to you throughout the process. We hope to see your student on campus at one of our colleges or universities next fall!

Dr. Linda Clark
President, Idaho State Board of Education