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### **LONG-TIME AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TEACHER APPOINTED TO STATE BOARD OF CORRECTION**

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter appointed a long-time high school American government teacher today to fill a vacancy on the three-member Idaho Board of Correction.

**Cindy Wilson**, a Democrat who lives in Meridian and teaches in the Boise School District's Capital High School, succeeds J.R. Van Tassel of Lewiston, whose term expired January 1.

Wilson joins Chairman Debbie Field of Meridian and Dr. David McClusky of Twin Falls on the Board of Correction, which sets operational policy and provides oversight of operations of the Idaho Department of Correction. Its members must be confirmed by the Idaho Senate.

Wilson has been teaching for 30 years in Boise, Orofino, Shelley and Pierce. She has been involved in the Idaho Law Foundation, the Idaho State YMCA Youth Government Committee, the Wassmuth Center for Human Rights Education Board, and the Sandra Day O'Connor iCivics National Teachers Council. She also was a member of Governor Otter's Task force for Improving Education.

"Cindy brings a great diversity of experience and perspective to this position. It speaks well of her civic virtue and commitment to improving the lives of Idahoans that she is willing to take what she teaches in the classroom and apply it to helping us meet real challenges in our communities," Governor Otter said.

In her application for the Board of Correction, Wilson said, "I hope to use my passion for civic learning to assist the Department of Correction in its mission of integrating offenders into society and creating meaningful lives for them and their families while creating a safer place to live for all Idahoans."

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