



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, every student in Idaho should have access to an effective education; and

WHEREAS, citizens across Idaho agree that improving the quality of education in Idaho and expanding access to great schools should be an issue of importance to our state's leaders; and

WHEREAS, Idaho recognizes the critical role that an effective and accountable system of education plays in preparing all students in Idaho to be successful adults in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has a multitude of high-quality public schools, magnet schools, public charter schools, virtual schools, independent, private and religious schools, home schools, intra-school and advanced educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our state; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has many high-quality teaching professionals in public, private and charter schools who are committed to educating children; and

WHEREAS, it is important for Idaho parents to explore and identify the best education options available to their children; and

WHEREAS, research in Idaho and across our nation demonstrates the importance of providing children with multiple educational options to help improve their academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is a nationally celebrated event during which we join with millions of parents, educators, schools and organizations around the country to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options that challenge and motivate all our students to succeed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim January 25-31, 2016 to be

IDAHO SCHOOL AND TEACHER CHOICE WEEK



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 25th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fortieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-sixth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE