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**BOISE, BORAH, CAPITAL AND TIMBERLINE HIGH SCHOOLS
AGAIN DOMINATE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RANKINGS**

Boise, ID --07/12/2011 -- All four of Boise School District's traditional high schools appear in *Washington Post's* (formerly *Newsweek's*) annual listing of America's best high schools for effectively preparing students for college. Boise, Borah, Capital, and Timberline high schools list among the top 7-percent of all public high schools in the U.S. The four BSD high schools are among only seven high schools in Idaho, and the only high schools in southwest Idaho, to earn this national recognition.

The Washington Post released the national rankings in May, 2011. With the rankings, the Boise School District earns the national distinction of having all four traditional high schools make America's Best High Schools list.

"The Boise School District is among just 20 school districts in the country with four or more high schools that placed all of their traditional high schools on *The Washington Post's* list of America's Best," said **Jay Mathews**, Education Columnist, *The Washington Post*.

"We are extremely pleased, honored and humbled by this significant accomplishment," said Dr. **Don Coberly**, Superintendent, Boise School District. "This national ranking reflects how hard our school staffs at Boise, Borah, Capital and Timberline work to challenge our students with advanced placement college-level courses and tests. It also serves as testament to their dedication, devotion and commitment to fulfilling our mission of *Educating Today for a Better Tomorrow*."

During its Board meeting held on July 11, 2011, the Board of Trustees of the Boise School District and Dr. Coberly presented the high school principals and student AP representatives from Boise, Borah, Capital and Timberline each with an award plaque commemorating the national distinction.

Just over 1,900 public high schools, of the 27,000 high schools throughout the United States, made the list. The formula is simple: Divide the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or other college-level

tests a school gave in 2010 by the number of graduating seniors. The ratings reveal the level of a high school's commitment to preparing average students for college.

As part of its ranking of 1,900 high schools in the United States, *Washington Post* listed Boise High School as 463, Borah High School as 1,570, Capital High School ranked as 1,649 and Timberline as 1,086.

Boise High has an AP test ratio to student of 2.550,
Borah High has an AP test ratio to student of 1.273,
Capital High has an AP test ratio to student of 1.202 and
Timberline has an AP test ratio to student of 1.699.

This is the seventh year in a row, and eighth time overall, that Boise High School has made this prestigious national list, and the fifth year in a row, and seventh time overall, that Timberline High School has been listed. This is the third time that Borah High School has made the list and the second consecutive year that Capital High School has made the national list.

Dr. Coberly said the *Washington Post* rankings should not be misinterpreted by the public. "There are a wide variety of ways for a high school to be seen as successful," explained Dr. Coberly. "*Washington Post* uses one measure; however, we feel strongly that our alternative high school, Frank Church High School, is also meeting with tremendous success and we are equally proud of their efforts, as well."

Regarding other measures of success, results on the Idaho Standard Achievement Test (ISAT) show Boise School District high school students continue to outperform the State of Idaho in Math, Reading and Language. In addition, results show Boise School District high school students consistently outperforming Idaho and the nation on the American College Test (ACT) and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

The complete *Washington Post* article and rankings are online at <http://apps.washingtonpost.com/highschoolchallenge>

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