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## Beth Oppenheimer Announces Departure as Executive Director of Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children

BOISE, ID – February 21, 2024 – After 13 years of dedicated service, Beth Oppenheimer has announced her decision to step down as the Executive Director of the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC). Oppenheimer has been instrumental in leading Idaho AEYC's efforts to promote high-quality early learning for all children in the state during her tenure.

In a statement released today, Oppenheimer expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve in her role and highlighted the immense support received from donors, sponsors, members, and the broader community. Under her leadership, Idaho AEYC has been a driving force in advocating for the well-being of young children and families across Idaho, pioneering important work and conversations surrounding early education.

"While I am stepping down from my role, I want to assure you that Idaho AEYC remains committed to its mission of promoting high-quality early learning for all children in Idaho," Oppenheimer stated. "Our exceptional team will continue to lead and innovate, ensuring that Idaho AEYC remains a driving force in early education advocacy and policy."

Oppenheimer's decision to step down comes as she has been offered an opportunity of a lifetime. "I am excited to embark on this new chapter, where I will continue my journey in shaping education policy. It's an opportunity to contribute on a broader scale and make a meaningful impact." Despite her departure, Oppenheimer emphasized her unwavering commitment to early education advocacy and pledged to continue supporting Idaho AEYC in any way she can.

"I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and dedication to the mission of Idaho AEYC," Oppenheimer expressed. "It has been an incredible journey, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work alongside such remarkable individuals."

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About Idaho AEYC: The Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC) is dedicated to promoting high-quality early learning for all children, birth through age eight, by connecting practice, policy, and research. Idaho AEYC is committed to advancing a diverse, dynamic early childhood



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