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IEA ENDORSES BRIAN CRONIN

(BOISE) The Idaho Education Association (IEA) officially endorsed Brian Cronin's candidacy for District 19's House Seat B. The IEA's endorsement sends a clear message: Idaho's teachers recognize Cronin's unwavering commitment to education, his understanding of the issues facing teachers and administrators, and his ability to advocate on behalf of our schools and children.

"I am truly honored to have the support of Idaho's teachers," noted Cronin. "I vow to be an effective and tireless champion for a first-rate system of public schools. The IEA recognizes that having legislators who are well versed in education issues and truly understand, from first-hand experience, the challenges confronting educators will go a long way toward improving our system of education."

Cronin received his Master's in Education (Ed.M) from Harvard University in 1995. At that time, he received his credentials as a high school studies teacher, with bilingual certification. His teaching experience includes work in both inner-city and suburban high schools, as well as the Universidad Tecnica de Manabi in Ecuador. He has also worked as a magazine and curriculum writer and editor for Scholastic Inc, one of the world's largest educational publishing companies.

As a candidate, he has spoken about the counterproductive effects of the battery of standardized tests now required of our students and the lack of funding provided to help certain students meet those standards. He has called for reduced class sizes at the K-6 level and improved teacher salaries for both new and experienced teachers. Cronin believes that greater investment should be made in math and science education so that graduating students are prepared to do college-level work in fields in which there's a dearth of qualified workers (electronics, engineering, computer science). He's also a strong supporter of cultivating the multiple intelligences of children by offering (and funding) art, music, and other such programs that many districts have been forced to cut in recent years.