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Principal Jamie Holyoak
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Dear Principal Holyoak,

Congratulations! As State Superintendent, I want to personally congratulate **North Gem Elementary-Junior High School** for making Adequate Yearly Progress for the 2009-2010 school year.

Making AYP is an enormous accomplishment I want to thank the dedicated educators, students, and parents who worked together to achieve this goal. This year's AYP results are even more meaningful considering the state increased proficiency targets.

I've often said making AYP isn't rocket science; it's more difficult because there are more variables. Schools have a difficult job, especially during these tough economic circumstances, and I'm proud of Idaho schools that continue to put students first and raise academic achievement.

Thank you for all you do to make a difference in the lives of children. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated.

The State Department of Education is always interested in learning more from educators on the ground about strategies to improve student achievement. Please share your success story with us. I'd also be interested in visiting your school and learning more.

Again, thank you for your hard work and congratulations on ensuring every child is ready for success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Luna", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tom Luna
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

cc: **North Gem District Superintendent**