



Byron Yankey has had a long and distinguished career in public education. As a teacher and school administrator, Byron has had a positive impact on the lives of thousands of students. Byron served as an elementary school principal for three decades. During that time, he held a variety of positions in the both the Idaho and National Associations of Elementary School Principals, as well as positions in the Idaho Association of School Administrators. Byron received the Idaho Education Association Outstanding Principal award in 1995-96. During the 2005-06 school year, Byron was named Idaho's National Distinguished Principal. Since his retirement in 2011, Byron has continued his lifelong commitment to education in Idaho. In his encore career as an educational consultant, Byron has served as an educational policy advisor and project manager for Idaho State Board of Education. As Coordinator for the College Access Challenge Grant, he is currently guiding a project to increase the number of Idaho graduates choosing some form of postsecondary education.