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The Department of Education would like to congratulate the Idaho Art Lab on its second Annual Eastern Idaho Assembly for the Arts. The tireless work of co-founders Daniel and Kara Hidalgo that has resulted in the lab, a combination of studio workspace and exhibit/lecture area, has made a wonderful contribution to the community of St. Anthony. The idea to convene arts organizations from eastern Idaho to discuss topics of concern for arts-minded communities reveals the true capacity of the arts to reach a broad audience. We are pleased to note the tie of the arts and community economics you have emphasized in your gatherings.

Although we cannot be present at the February assembly, we look forward in the future to visiting the expanded space, which has increased capacity to serve even more individuals not only in St. Anthony, but throughout eastern Idaho. The example you have created to connect arts and culture directly with your business community is one that I would encourage other communities in Idaho to note.

Please accept our warm regards as you move forward in this rewarding enterprise to connect students, artists, community members and artwork! You are creating a model that will be noticed by other communities in our state.

Sincerely,

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

Tom Luna  
Superintendent of Public Instruction