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TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Joe Simpson, Deputy Superintendent

DATE: February 16, 2007

SUBJECT: Teacher Certification

INFORMATION TO SHARE

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) has received the annual report on teacher certification. We need to bring your attention to these results. **Unfortunately, we are advised that there are four hundred educators currently teaching and supervising children in Wyoming schools that are not properly certified with the Professional Teaching Standards Board (PTSB).**

Each district should review the PTSB report, and take appropriate action immediately if you are employing educators without certification. Please understand that Wyoming law is very strong on the issue of teacher certification. We refer all district personnel to Wyoming Statute 21-7-303(a), which provides that:

No person shall teach or supervise in a public school in this state and receive compensation therefor out of any public fund who at the time of rendering such services is not a holder of or a candidate and qualified for a certificate or permit issued or to be issued under the laws of this state and the rules and regulations of the Wyoming professional teaching standards board pursuant to W.S. 21-2-802.

We are sure that district superintendents realize the gravity of employing a non-certified teacher in the classroom. We will be contacting districts to verify the immediate action steps taken to address this situation.

Please be advised that continued employment of non-certified educators will also jeopardize a districts' accreditation status.

Please contact either Kay Post at (307) 777-5599 or Dianne Frazer at (307) 777-3471 if you have any questions regarding this memo.

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