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TO: School District Superintendents and Business Managers

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SUBJECT: Groundskeepers Component of the Funding Model

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) has become aware that there are problems with the data used to calculate groundskeepers for Wyoming schools. While we considered making an immediate data correction in this area, we have now determined that additional information is necessary.

At the WDE's annual School Foundation Program Fiscal Training, held in Casper, June 6, 2007, the Department notified the district business managers of a proposed data collection to obtain information regarding the number of groundskeepers utilized by each district and the number of hours spent by the groundskeepers at each educational site for school year 2006-2007. After presenting this proposal to the business managers and receiving feedback, the Department was persuaded not to collect this data because the districts cannot provide the necessary information.

The Department will continue to work with the School Facilities Commission in the interim to review the data that is necessary to calculate groundskeeper resources and will present the findings to the Legislature and to the school finance model consultants for their review prior to any correction.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 307-777-7804 or fhanse@educ.state.wy.us.

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