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TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Jim McBride, Ed.D. 

DATE: October 26, 2007

SUBJECT: Chapter 8 Rules and Regulations (School Foundation Program)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Proposed changes to the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) rules governing the calculations for Average Daily Membership (ADM) have been withdrawn. These rules are referred to as Chapter 8 WDE Rules and Regulations Governing the School Foundation Program, and many of the changes are necessary to comply with statutory changes enacted by the Legislature in 2006 and 2007.

The Department received many comments concerning the calculation of ADM, specifically the proposal to use fractional attendance. In an effort to address and resolve these concerns, a meeting of the Data Advisory Committee has been scheduled for November 6, 2007.

The Wyoming Department of Education is required to establish a standard method of counting ADM. We will work with the Data Advisory Committee to establish such a method. Other required changes to Chapter 8 include a definition for English language learner, a revised definition for mobile students, and the length of retention of school foundation documents.

Chapter 8 rules that were adopted on January 11, 2007, remain in effect. Any questions regarding the Data Advisory Committee meeting, or Chapter 8 rules should be addressed to Fred Hansen, director of the WDE Finance Unit.

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