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TO: School District Superintendents
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DATE: December 14, 2007

SUBJECT: Update to Graduate and Dropout Data Collections

Data Collection Information

In Superintendent Memo #2007-121, dated July 6, 2007, the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) informed school district personnel that the WDE670 – WISE Graduate and Completer Statistics and the WDE607 – WISE Dropout Statistics data collections would be combined into one data collection: the WDE669 - WISE Graduates, Completers and Dropouts. It was further communicated that the WDE669 would be collected in October of 2008 and that it would contain data elements not previously collected on the WDE670 or WDE607 data collections.

On November 30, 2007, a draft of the WDE669 data element document was posted on the Wyoming Integrated Statewide Education (WISE) data system website. Many school districts voiced concerns regarding this new collection. The main concern corresponded to the new school year roll over within certain school districts' student information systems. Previous year's data would be archived and would be inaccessible for a SIF-enabled collection in October of 2008.

After carefully reviewing this particular concern in conjunction with districts and SIS vendors, the WDE has decided to postpone the introduction of the WDE669 data collection. The school districts will report all 2007-08 exiting students via the WDE670 and WDE607 data collections. It should be noted that additional data elements will be added to each collection in order to meet Federal and State reporting requirements. Drafts of both data element documents will be posted to the WISE website after the New Year.

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The WDE will be working internally and with vendors to evaluate the feasibility of a combined collection like that which was proposed with the WDE669. The WDE will disseminate more information as it becomes available.

Tentative Data Collection Windows

WDE670 - WISE Graduate and Completer Statistics Data Collection
Friday, June 20, 2008 – Thursday, July 3, 2008

WDE670 - WISE Dropout Statistics Data Collection
Monday, October 13, 2008 – Friday, October 24, 2008

Data Collection Documents

Documents for the WDE670 and WDE607 data collections will be posted to the WISE website in January 2008. The documents will include the data elements, a guidebook, and training slides. A link to the WISE website is available through the Forms Inventory at <https://wdesecure.k12.wy.us/stats/forms.inventory>.

If you have any questions about the WDE670, WDE607, or WDE669 data collections, please contact Kelly R. Archer at 307-777-8751 or karche@educ.state.wy.us.

If you have any questions about the WISE project, please contact Shadd Schutte at 307-777-3656 or sschut@educ.state.wy.us.

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