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TO: School District Superintendents,
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FROM: Chuck Mitchell, Distance Education Section Supervisor

DATE: April 4, 2008

SUBJECT: Distance Education Program Legislation

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INFORMATION TO SHARE

Legislation concerning distance education was passed during the Fifty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Wyoming 2008 Budget Session. Senate File 0070, Enrolled Act No. 45, Section 501 through Section 505, outlines the distance education program. For full details, we encourage you and your staff to visit the Wyoming legislature's website at <http://legisweb.state.wy.us/2008/interim/schoolfinance/Bills/SF0070.pdf> section five (5), page 20.

To facilitate the delivery of a distance education program across the state, the Wyoming Department of Education's (WDE) Distance Education Section staff has begun the process of writing the distance education grant application, and the emergency rules and regulations for oversight and guidance. Necessary supporting documentation will also be created to include items such as the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) template for districts who are sharing program opportunities and the Distance Learning Plan (DLP) document for identifying the student, methods of communication, course expectations, and student benchmarks.

As we progress through the writing process, we will keep you up to date concerning the developments of the distance education program guidelines and grant. If you or your staff have questions, please contact Scott Bullock at 307-777-7418 or via e-mail at sbullo@educ.state.wy.us. Thank you for taking the time to pass this information along to your staff.

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