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TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Nathaniel Castellanos, Project Analyst 

DATE: December 11, 2009

SUBJECT: 2010 Wyoming School Health Profiles Survey

PLEASE CIRCULATE

By now, your School Principals and Lead Health Coordinators should have received a survey and information on the School Health Profiles (Profiles), which assist states and local education and health agencies in monitoring and assessing characteristics of school health education, physical education, school health policies related to HIV infection/AIDS, tobacco-use prevention, nutrition, asthma management activities, and family and community involvement in school health programs. Data from Profiles can be used to improve school health programs. ***Attached you will find a copy of the letter which has been mailed to selected schools in your district.***

Two questionnaires are used to collect data — one for school principals and one for lead health education teachers. In 2008 completed surveys were received from 78% of school principals and 72% of lead health education teachers. Because the response rates for these surveys was equal to or greater than 70%, the results were weighted and were representative of all regular public secondary schools in Wyoming having at least one of grades 6 through 12.

The Profiles questionnaires were developed by the Division of Adolescent and School Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in collaboration with representatives of state, local, and territorial departments of health and education.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the school principals and lead health education teachers who took part in the 2008 survey, and once again encourage their support in this important endeavor. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at ncaste@educ.state.wy.us, (307) 777-6391.

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Attachment



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Dear Colleague:

It's that time of year to conduct the 2010 School Health Profiles Questionnaire (Profiles). This survey was developed collaboratively with state and local education and health agencies to help you develop an overall picture of school health policies and programs in middle schools and high schools. I believe that your Profiles data can be very useful to you in promoting your school health program strengths and in advocating for resources to address weaknesses. We will provide data analysis and a summary report containing graphs at no cost to your program.

The Profiles survey will be mailed to school principals and lead health education teachers to help you monitor the current status of:

- School health education
- Physical education
- School health policies related to HIV/AIDS
- Tobacco use prevention
- Nutrition services
- Asthma management activities
- Family and community involvement in school health programs at the middle school and high school levels

The Profiles survey was first implemented in 1996 to assess characteristics of and trends in school health programs and policies among middle schools and high schools in states and cities funded by the Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH). Profiles are conducted biennially, usually in the spring semester. In 2008, 47 state, 20 local, and 4 territorial surveys with weighted data were included in the National report. Wyoming was among those surveyed and we ask that you visit the Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/schoolhealthprofiles> for more information.

It is my hope that the information contained in this report will be useful in planning a healthy future for Wyoming, and that you continue to support our efforts this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

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