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TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Bruce Hayes, Ed.S.
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DATE: November 5, 2010

SUBJECT: Federal Letter to Educational Colleagues

PLEASE REVIEW

Please access the *Dear Colleague* letter recently released by the Office of Civil Rights within the U.S. Department of Education at

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201010.html>.

The letter provides guidance for handling cases of harassment and district and school obligations to prevent student harassment based on race, sex, national origin, disability, or color.

Please ensure that all administration and staff are familiar with this communication, as these behaviors are being elevated to a level that can be prosecuted as a criminal act under federal law.

Thank you for your work to prevent bullying in schools. If you have any questions at all, please contact me at 307-777-6198 or bhayes1@educ.state.wy.us.

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