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TO: School District Superintendents
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DATE: March 4, 2011

SUBJECT: Public Comment, Application for Part B Federal Special Education Funds

TIME SENSITIVE - INFORMATION TO SHARE

Each year the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) makes application for Part B Federal Special Education Funds. There are two basic components to the application for funds. The first section requires the state to provide assurances that it has in effect policies and procedures to meet all eligibility requirements of Part B of the Act as found in PL 108-446, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and applicable regulations (IDEA). If the state cannot provide all of the assurances outlined in this section, it must provide a date when revisions will be made in order to bring state policies and procedures in line with the federal regulations.

The second component of the application is a spreadsheet that includes a description of:

- (A) how amounts retained under section 20 U.S.C. 1411(e) for State administration and State-level activities will be used to meet the requirements of Part B;
- (B) specifically how those amounts will be allocated among the State-level activities described in 20 U.S.C. 1411(e)(1) and (2) to meet State priorities based on input from Local Education Agencies (LEAs); and
- (C) dollar amounts, if any, that will be distributed to LEAs by formula.

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Depending on the amount of funds the WDE sets aside for administration and the optional Risk Pool, certain minimum and maximum funding requirements exist. The funding amounts used on the current application are FFY2010. The U.S. Department of Education has received only short term funding for FFY 2011, through a Continuing Resolution; therefore, actual FFY2011 funding is still not available. However, there are no anticipated changes in the basic funding structure of this program.

Both portions of the application are currently posted on the WDE website at http://edu.wyoming.gov/Programs/special_education.aspx. Please take time to review these documents. The WDE will be accepting public comment from April 1, 2011, through May 1, 2011. The state will review and consider all public comments and make any necessary modifications to the application or policies and procedures, as appropriate. Public comment may be submitted via email to cleffo@educ.state.wy.us or US Mail, Wyoming Department of Education, Special Programs Division, 320 W Main Street, Riverton, WY 82501.

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