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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2011-127

**TO:** District Superintendents  
Principals

**FROM:** Cindy Hill

**DATE:** October 4, 2011

**SUBJECT:** National High School Cyber Defense Competition

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### **National High School Cyber Defense Competition**

#### **\*Team Registration Deadline is October 8, 2011!**

*\*Note: The information from Senator Enzi's Washington Office announcing this competition was not received until today.*

CyberPatriot (see Attachment 1) is the one-of-a-kind national cyber security competition for high school students—and the ultimate cyber game! Competitors get to control simulated computer networks, learning to defend and protect computer systems from cyber threats and potential hackers. Established in 2008 by the Air Force Association (AFA;<http://www.uscyberpatriot.org>), this program provides students hands-on learning about technology, emphasizing teamwork, leadership and critical-thinking.

Now in its fourth phase, CyberPatriot IV is open to all high schools, Civil Air Patrol Units, JROTC Units, and accredited home school programs around the country. On September 8, 2011, the AFA announced that CyberPatriot IV had more than 500 teams registered to compete! With 46 states, Puerto Rico and U.S. Department of Defense Dependent Schools in England, Germany, Japan and Korea already represented, educators are seizing this great opportunity to bolster STEM education in their communities.

I encourage you to consider participating in this exciting competition.

If you have questions, please contact Guy Jackson, Career Technical Education Supervisor, via email [Guy.Jackson@wyo.gov](mailto:Guy.Jackson@wyo.gov) or phone 307-777-3655.

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## **National High School Cyber Defense Competition Exceeds 500 Teams**

### ***Registration for Cyber Security/STEM Education Initiative Remains Open until Oct. 8***

Arlington, VA – The Air Force Association announced today that CyberPatriot IV, the National High School Cyber Defense Competition, now has more than 500 teams registered to compete! With 46 states, Puerto Rico and U.S. Department of Defense Dependent Schools in England, Germany, Japan and Korea already represented, educators are seizing this great opportunity to bolster STEM education in their communities. Only Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wyoming have yet to join the national challenge.

The October 8 deadline to participate in this premier competition is now less than a month away.

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CyberPatriot also offers support and technical expertise from industry leaders, including CyberPatriot III's presenting sponsor [Northrop Grumman](#) and founding partners SAIC and the CIAS at the University of Texas-San Antonio.

“CyberPatriot’s unique online competition structure allows teams from all over the country to compete at one time, creating an exciting and competitive environment,” said Bernie Skoch, CyberPatriot Commissioner. “This program also gives educators the opportunity to boost STEM education in their schools and communities while simultaneously giving its participants technical skills that are very relevant for their futures.”

Now in its fourth phase, *CyberPatriot IV* is open to all high schools, accredited home school programs, Civil Air Patrol units, and Junior ROTC units around the country. Educators can learn more about CyberPatriot and sign up at [www.uscyberpatriot.org](http://www.uscyberpatriot.org). Information is also available from the CyberPatriot staff at [info@uscyberpatriot.org](mailto:info@uscyberpatriot.org).

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