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MEMORANDUM NO. 2012-054

TO: School District Superintendents
School Principals

FROM: Beth VanDeWege, Education Consultant
Federal Programs Division

DATE: March 26, 2012

SUBJECT: FY11 Title I, Part A, 1003 (g) School Improvement Funds Application and Intent to Apply

PLEASE READ AND RESPOND AS NECESSARY

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is currently in the process of gathering letters of intent from schools intending on applying for the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Title I-A 1003 (g) School Improvement Funds.

Schools can only apply for these funds if they are identified as a Tier I, II, or III school as defined by the Persistently Lowest Achieving Schools definition (please see the definition on the WDE web site at:

http://edu.wyoming.gov/Libraries/Publications/Wyoming_Department_of_Education_PLA_Definition.sflb.ashx.

Letters are being sent to principals of eligible schools and the associated district level personnel. More information will be available when the application packet is complete. The final application will be available to be completed on the WDE Grants Management System (GMS) and should be made available by April 30, 2012. This will be a competitive grant and will be due to the WDE on May 21, 2012. Prior to the release of the grant on the GMS, the WDE will conduct a WEN Video meeting to address questions concerning this grant.

Also attached is a letter to be sent back to the WDE if your district intends to apply for these funds. Letters of intent are due back to the WDE by April 13, 2010.

The anticipated award date for these funds is June 29, 2012. Schools receiving these funds will be expected to start implementation of activities immediately after the awards are announced and begin full implementation at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. A change from previous years is that this year's grant is a one year grant with continuation funding available for a second year, and possibly a third pending approval of funding by the US Congress. If schools that receive grant awards

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are fully and effectively implementing the activities contained within their grant, continuation funding may be applied for and potentially granted to continue the schools chosen improvement activities into the second year and possibly the third year. This can be determined through a similar continuing application process, until the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

If your district has questions regarding these funds or the application, please contact Beth Vandewege at (307) 777-8964 or by email at beth.vandewege@wyo.gov. You may also contact David Holbrook at (307) 777-6260 or by email at david.holbrook@wyo.gov.

Enclosure



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Title I 1003 g School Improvement Funds Letter of Intent

School District: _____

Superintendent: _____

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Wyoming Department of Education that our district intends to apply for Title I 1003 g School Improvement Funds for the follow school(s) (please refer to the 1003 g Tiered list of schools for those schools that are eligible to apply for these funds):

School	Principal
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____
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_____	_____
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Superintendent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please Return by **April 13, 2010** to:
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