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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Bruce Hayes, School Safety Consultant
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DATE: April 9, 2012

SUBJECT: National Child ID Program

CHILD PROTECTION ISSUE

The Wyoming Department of Education is providing, free of charge, Child Identification Kits to those schools/districts that want to participate. This is done in partnership with the National Child Identification Program, which has helped protect over 22 million children over the past 11 years.

Note: Over 800,000 people are reported as missing persons every year. Many of these are children. Of those that go missing, about seven percent or about 56,000, are never recovered (<http://abcnews.go.com/WNT/story?id=130328&page=1>).

Each kit contains an inkless fingerprinting kit and a DNA swab. Parents use this kit then keep it at home. This information can then be used to aid law enforcement in recovery efforts should a child be abducted or otherwise separated in the event of a disaster.

If interested, please contact Bruce Hayes by April 30, 2012, with the number of kits you want sent to your district or school. You may contact Bruce at (307)777-6198 or email at bruce.hayes@wyo.gov. The kits will arrive about a week after we are notified. You may also call Bruce if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

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