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TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Jim Rose Ed.D.
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DATE: February 25, 2013

SUBJECT: ESEA Flexibility Waiver Submission

INFORMATION TO SHARE

The Wyoming Department of Education will submit a request for an Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver offered by the United States Department of Education.

The request comes four days after Governor Matt Mead met with some of the leadership at the United States Department of Education and discussed the need for relief from escalating Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets set for the Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO's). Those AYP targets are set to scale up to 100 percent proficiency for all categories during the 2013-14 school year.

After the meeting, Governor Mead suggested the Wyoming Department of Education prepare a request for the ESEA Flexibility Waiver offered by the USDE during Window Four of the United States Department of Education's ESEA submission calendar. The window for Window Four of the ESEA Flexibility Waiver Submission closes on February 28, 2013.

Attached is Wyoming's ESEA Flexibility Waiver Request that includes the waivers requested, the assurances required to receive those waivers and the need for consultation with Wyoming stakeholders. Comments from Wyoming stakeholders may be included in the submission if received before noon, February 28. Further stakeholder engagement is planned for after the submission through the end of the school year.

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