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MEMORANDUM NO. 2014-125

TO: School District Superintendents,

School Principals

FROM: Julie Magee, Standards and Accountability Division Administrator

Wyoming Department of Education

DATE: October 15, 2014

SUBJECT: Confidential Release of Embargoed School Performance Ratings

CONFIDENTIAL RELEASE OF EMBARGOED SCHOOL PERFORMANCE RATINGS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO SHARE

CHEYENNE - The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) will release 2013-14 confidential school performance reports for all Wyoming schools on Wednesday, October 15. Data is embargoed and not to be shared with the public until the scheduled public release on November 7th.

Consistent with the requirements of the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act (WAEA), data summarized in the School Performance Reports will place schools into one of four categories: Exceeding Expectations, Meeting Expectations, Partially Meeting Expectations, and Not Meeting Expectations.

The School Performance Reports rate schools using a combination of several indicators. For grades 3-8, the indicators are achievement, growth, and equity, while high schools will have indicators for achievement, equity and college and career readiness. Specific measures used in the model are based on PAWS, EXPLORE, PLAN, and ACT as well as data on graduation, ninth grade completion, and Hathaway Scholarship eligibility. For more explanation on how the measures are used in the model refer to the School Performance Rating Model for 2014.

The School Performance Reports are posted on the Wyoming Education Fusion

portal at http://fusion.edu.wyoming.gov. To view these reports, you must have a fusion user account with one of the following roles: Superintendent, Principal, Assessment Coordinator, Accountability Coordinator, Special Education Director, Curriculum Coordinator, Title I Coordinator or Assessment Confidential Reports. If you do not know your username and/or password, there is a Password Help link located in the upper center of the screen. If you do not have a fusion user account please see your district Fusion Administrator.

Once logged in to Fusion, choose the blue Data Reporting link. On the left side of the next page choose the State Accountability Confidential link. This will provide a list of confidential reports available to view.

There will be a two-week confidential review of the data by school district personnel. During this two-week period, schools will be asked to review their data and submit potential concerns or corrections to the WDE. District superintendents are asked to electronically sign off on their data at the following link, https://portals.edu.wyoming.gov/Confirm/View/2013-14SPR, no later than Wednesday, October 29th. A public release is scheduled on Friday, November 7th. Public release of school performance data will be in conjunction with the public release of AYP. AYP is scheduled for confidential release on Friday, October 17th.

For questions related to the school ratings or indicators, contact Mike Flicek at 307-259-3963 or <u>michaelflicek@gmail.com</u>. For questions, concerns or suggested changes about school or district data, contact Sean McInerney at 307-777-8752 or <u>sean.mcinerney@wyo.gov</u>.