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MEMORANDUM NO. 2016-005

TO: School District Superintendents

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FROM: Brent Young, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: January 19, 2016

SUBJECT: National Youth Science Camp Applications

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SOUGHT FOR 2016 NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE CAMP® HONORS

The Wyoming Department of Education is seeking applications for the 2016 National Youth Science Camp (NYSC). Two high school seniors will receive a full scholarship to exchange ideas with scientists and other professionals from the academic and corporate worlds. The experience includes lectures and hands-on research projects presented by scientists from across the nation, overnight camping trips into the Monongahela National Forest, and a visit to Washington D.C. The selected delegates must not only demonstrate academic achievement in mathematics and science, but also show potential for thoughtful leadership and community involvement. They must also intend to pursue higher education and a career in a STEM related field.

The NYSC experience is offered at no cost to its participants, so that selected delegates may attend regardless of their financial status. Contributions to the National Youth Science Foundation® allow delegates to participate in this "once in a lifetime" experience. Educational and recreational programming, as well as meals, lodging, and round-trip air passage on scheduled airlines are provided free of charge.

Delegates must be able to participate in the entire NYSC program, arriving in Charleston, West Virginia on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 and

departing on Sunday, July 10, 2016. The NYSC is held near Bartow in the eastern mountains of West Virginia, within the Monongahela National Forest.

Application forms are available on the NYSC website at http://apply.nysc.org.

All applications must be submitted electronically by 6:00 pm EST on Tuesday, February 17, 2016.

Please contact Laurie Hernandez at <u>Laurie.Hernandez@wyo.gov</u> or (307) 777-3469 if you have any questions.