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MEMORANDUM NO. 2016-034

- **TO:**School District SuperintendentsSpecial Education Directors
- FROM: Lisa Weigel, Director Division of Individual Learning
- DATE: March 7, 2016

SUBJECT: Public Comment, Application for Part B Federal Special Education Funds

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPEN FOR STATE APPLICATION

MARCH 15 - APRIL 15

Each year the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) submits a state application under the Part B Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as amended in 2004 Federal Special Education Funds. The application consist of two required components for funds. The first section requires the state to provide assurances that it has in effect policies and procedures to meet all eligibility requirements of Part B of the Act as found in PL 108-446, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and applicable regulations (IDEA). If the state cannot provide the assurances outlined, it must provide a date when revision will be made in order to bring state policies and procedures in line with the federal regulations.

The second component of the application is a spreadsheet that includes:

- How amounts retained under section 20 U.S.C. 1411€ for state administration and state-level activities will be used to meet the requirements of Part B.
- Specifically how those amounts will be allocated among the statelevel activities described in 20 U.S.C. 1411(e) (1) and (2) to meet state priorities based on input from Local Education Agencies (LEAs); and
- Dollar amounts, if any, that will be distributed to LEAs by formula.

Both portions of the application are currently posted on the WDE website

at <u>http://edu.wyoming.gov/in-the-classroom/special-programs/</u> for review. The WDE will be accepting public comment from March 15, 2016 through April 16, 2016. The state will review and consider all the public comments and make any necessary modifications to the application or policies and procedures, as appropriate. Public comment may also be submitted via email or US Mail, Wyoming Department of Education.

For more information, please contact Kodi Gerhold, Administrative Assistant Division of Individual Learning, at (307)777-3530 or <u>kodi.gerhold@wyo.gov</u>. 2300 Capitol Avenue, Hathaway Building 2nd Floor, Cheyenne, WY 82002.