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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Brent Bacon, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: April 4, 2016

SUBJECT: WEN Video Equipment Retirement

WEN VIDEO EQUIPMENT RETIREMENT

The Wyoming Equality Network (WEN) Video conferencing platform equipment will be retired this June. As part of the WEN Video requirements, equipment was placed in each high school for the delivery of distance education. This equipment was last updated to Tandberg 880 MXP video conferencing units in 2006 by the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE). The units have exceeded their recommended life expectancy, and are no longer supported by Cisco.

During the the coming months, the Wyoming Department of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) will be contacting each school district's technology director to begin coordinating the removal of these units. ETS Field Service employees will schedule times with districts to remove them beginning in the first week of June. All units will be removed by the end of August. The equipment to be removed includes the Tandberg 880 MXPs, pancake microphones, ELMO document cameras, and remote controls; televisions will remain. ETS will also work with the school district technology directors to ensure associated firewall ports are closed and IP addresses reclaimed.

Any additional video conferencing systems acquired by school districts that are not part of the WEN Video solution will remain, and can be registered through a third-party bridging company such as GlowPoint or Zoom.

As noted in the 2016 Statewide Education Technology Plan, the WDE recommends Google Hangouts as a synchronous distance education solution. The 2016 Statewide Education Technology Plan report can be found at: <http://goo.gl/hSnXHI>

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