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TO: School District Superintendents

Technology Directors

Curriculum and Instruction Directors

Elementary, Middle, and Secondary School Principals and Teachers

FROM: Brent Bacon, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: November 14, 2016

SUBJECT: Hour of Code During Computer Science Education Week

2016 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK DECEMBER 5-11

Governor Matt Mead will be proclaiming December 5-11 as Computer Science Education Week in Wyoming. During this week, the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is encouraging all schools to participate in Hour of Code. Hour of Code is a global movement reaching over 100 million students in more than 180 countries with a focus of expanding access to computer science and coding lessons.

All schools participating in Hour of Code will receive a participation certificate signed by the Governor and State Superintendent Jillian Balow. Participating schools are encouraged to publicize their Hour of Code events through local and social media outlets, and to invite community members to join in their efforts. WDE staff will also be participating in Hour of Code activities.

Further information about these events and activities is available at:

Computer Science Education Week: https://csedweek.org/

Hour of Code: https://code.org/learn

Participating WY Schools: https://hourofcode.com/us/events/all/us/wy

For assistance with planning for participation in the Hour of Code please contact Alicia Kerns at <u>alicia.kerns1@wyo.gov</u>.