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MEMORANDUM NO. 2017-032

TO: School District Superintendents
FROM: Lisa Weigel, Chief Policy Officer
DATE: March 20, 2017
SUBJECT: Moratorium on New Alternative Schools

MORATORIUM ON NEW ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS

The legislature passed HB0236, now [HEA No. 125](#), on March 3, 2017. This bill revises [W.S. 21-13-309](#) and establishes a moratorium on new alternative schools. The moratorium is effective March 15, 2017 through June 30, 2019. No new alternative schools will be approved by the Wyoming Department of Education during that time, and no new facilities may be constructed for alternative schools during that time.

Due to this change in legislation, applications for new alternative schools will not be accepted. Currently, existing alternative schools will continue to receive resources as in the past.

The joint education interim committee will conduct a study looking at existing alternative schools and other alternative student placement options.

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