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MEMORANDUM NO. 2017-043

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

DATE: March 27, 2017

SUBJECT: Wyoming Education Trust Fund Grant Availability

2017-18 WYOMING EDUCATION TRUST FUND GRANT AVAILABILITY

APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 26

The application for the Wyoming Education Trust Fund for Innovative Education is now available, with additional information, at:

edu.wyoming.gov/beyond-the-classroom/grants/innovative-education/

The deadline for submitting applications is **5:00 p.m. on May 26, 2017**.

This grant helps create innovative educational opportunities for public school students at all levels. [W.S. 21-22-106](#) states that the funding should provide for innovation in or improvement of public education through the creation of new, different, and improved educational opportunities in elementary and secondary schools, including:

- **Curriculum development activities** such as initiatives in foreign languages, mathematics, social studies, English and the sciences; programs to develop critical or creative thinking; programs involving the private sector and programs providing parental and family training.
- **Operational initiatives** such as modification to class schedules, school day, week, month or year calendar and scheduling of extracurricular activities.
- **Administrator and staff development and improvement programs** such as performance incentives, awards for excellence,

- professional training and development programs, and performance evaluation programs.
- **Acquisition of technological equipment** for programs expanding curriculum, enriching student education, enhancing staff development and providing community service.
 - **Applied science and technology programs** designed to meet future labor market demands and to integrate public school programs with needs of business and industry.
 - **Technical preparation programs** integrating specific public school programs with community college programs and working with business and industry to prepare students for technical and academic careers.
 - **Evaluation programs** designed to determine the effect and achievement of innovative programs previously funded or currently provided within the district.
 - **Regional Development Programs** including those designed to better prepare children for elementary school, and to improve parents' skills in developing their children's learning skills.

Funds through the Wyoming Education Trust Fund are available for one-year grants to any public school district. Districts may apply individually or in conjunction with other districts. A total of \$250,000.00 is available for this specific grant. An estimated five to seven grants will be awarded.

Recipients will be notified by June 30, 2017. Funds will be distributed to the awarded districts on August 15, 2017. Funds will be available for district use until June 30, 2018. W.S. 21-22-107 (c) clearly states that at least one qualifying grant must be awarded if possible in each of the following classifications based on average daily membership (ADM):

Classification I	Less than 500 ADM
Classification II	500 but less than 1,000 ADM
Classification III	1,000 but less than 2,000 ADM
Classification IV	2,000 or greater ADM

If districts apply as a consortium, the ADM classification will be adjusted to include the ADM of all participating consortium districts according to the classifications above.

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