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MEMORANDUM NO. 2017-057

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Lisa Weigel, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: May 1, 2017

SUBJECT: Options for Accreditation Survey

ACCREDITATION SURVEY BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is seeking input from Wyoming school districts about options for accreditation, including the AdvancED accreditation system. A survey is available for districts to describe their preferences related to accreditation. Please complete this [short survey](#) by **May 22, 2017**.

For the past several years, the WDE has contracted with AdvancED to provide external accreditation as a measure of district performance and to promote continuous improvement. However, in response to mandatory cuts to the WDE budget, the WDE is evaluating options for meeting the state accreditation requirements.

Annual accreditation of schools and districts is the role of the Wyoming State Board of Education through the WDE. The current accreditation criteria in statute are:

1. Adherence to Wyoming statute (W.S. 21-2-202(c))
2. Annual accountability scores for all schools (W.S. 21-2-304(a)(ii))
3. Review of the District Assessment System every five years (W.S. 21-2-202(a)(xxxvi))
4. Review of the design and implementation of the leader evaluation system annually as required depending on accountability score (W.S. 21-2-204(f))
5. School improvement plans annually as required depending on accountability score (W.S. 21-2-204(f))

6. District appointed WAEA representatives depending on accountability score (W.S. 21-2-204(f))
7. Participation by schools in statewide system of support depending on accountability score (W.S. 21-2-204(f))

For questions related to accreditation requirements in Wyoming, contact Bill Pannell at 307-777-7322 or bill.pannell@wyo.gov.