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MEMORANDUM NO. 2017-088

TO: School District Superintendents

Special Education Directors

Principals

Instructional Facilitators

K-12 Teachers

FROM: Brent Bacon, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: August 21, 2017

SUBJECT: District Co-Teaching Opportunity

DISTRICT CO-TEACHING OPPORTUNITY

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE), Division of Individual Learning, has contracted with Marilyn Friend, Ph.D. to provide regional professional development opportunities in the areas of co-teaching and inclusive practices. Marilyn Friend has conducted extensive research on co-teaching in the classroom and has concluded that educators are most effective at meeting their instructional goals and more professionally fulfilled when they use these methods of partnering.

The WDE welcomes districts who are interested in implementing a district-wide and/or building-wide co-teaching model and who have dedicated special education and general education staff who are willing to commit to the entire package of professional development.

Onsite trainings will be held:

- October 9 & 10, 2017 (Riverton) or October 11 & 12, 2017 (Casper)
- January 22 & 23, 2018 (Riverton) or January 24 & 25, 2018 (Casper)
- April 16 & 17, 2018 (Riverton) or April 18 & 19, 2018 (Casper)

Each team will choose Riverton or Casper for the on-site trainings. Trainings will be two days in length from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Email tana.wolfe@wyo.gov for registration information.

For more information, contact Tana Wolfe, Education Consultant, at 307-777-6476 or tana.wolfe@wyo.gov.