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MEMORANDUM NO. 2017-089

TO: School District Superintendents
Special Education Directors
MTSS District Coaches
Homeless Education Liaisons

FROM: Brent Bacon, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: August 28, 2017

SUBJECT: National School Mental Health Partnership

SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITY

Wyoming is one of nine states selected to participate in the National Coalition for the State Advancement of School Mental Health (NCSA-SMH), an initiative designed to improve statewide capacity to address student social and emotional needs, and school climate. The NCSA-SMH is a technical assistance opportunity hosted by the national Center for School Mental Health at the University of Maryland.

The Wyoming Department of Education is seeking district partners to join the pilot project, which will align with current state and national Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) initiatives. Participating schools or districts will receive free access to the School Health Assessment and Performance Evaluation (SHAPE) System, a web-based platform funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services. Using the system, school or district teams will complete an online assessment of existing mental health supports, and will receive custom reports evaluating the strengths and needs of their systems. They will also have access to technical assistance and support directly from faculty at the Center for School Mental Health.

To join the pilot project, or for more information, contact Kenya Haynes, State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth at 307-777-3672 or kenya.haynes@wyo.gov.

Attachment:
SHAPE Information Flyer