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MEMORANDUM NO. 2017-109

- TO: School District Superintendents Principals
- FROM: Dicky Shanor, Chief of Staff
- DATE: October 2, 2017

SUBJECT: Non-Regulatory Guidance for School Safety and Security

NON-REGULATORY GUIDANCE AVAILABLE ON SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY

Following the passage of <u>House Enrolled Act No. 0093</u> during the 2017 Legislative Session, the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) convened a School Safety and Security Ad Hoc Committee to provide clarification and guidance related to the statute. The committee was comprised of local and state law enforcement and education leaders, and using their expertise and experience, they have developed non-regulatory guidance to support local school district boards of trustees as they consider whether to implement the School Safety and Security Act.

W.S. 21-3-132 does not give the WDE or any other state-level agency the authority to promulgate rules related to the statute. The authority for adopting rules under this statute rests solely with the local board of trustees. The guidance should not be construed as regulatory guidance from the WDE, or any member of the Ad Hoc Committee, or legal advice of counsel. Each district considering allowing possession of firearms by school district employees on school property should consult its own attorneys regarding the requirements of the law, and any related references in the guidance.

For questions, contact Shelly Andrews at 307-777-3781 or *shelly.andrews@wyo.gov.*

Attachment: School Safety and Security Non-Regulatory Guidance