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# MEMORANDUM NO. 2017-114

**TO:** School District Superintendents

Title I Directors Principals

FROM: Brent Bacon, Chief Academic Officer

**DATE**: October 9, 2017

SUBJECT: 2017-18 National Title I Distinguished Schools Application

# APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL TITLE I DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS AWARD PROGRAM

The 2017-18 National Title I Distinguished Schools Program application is now available. The National Title I Association program honors Title I schools from each state that are examples of superior programs and offer focused and innovative professional development opportunities for staff, show strong community involvement, and achieve high success with individualized student programs.

The Wyoming Department of Education will select one qualifying school, if applicable, in two of the following categories:

- 1. Exceptional student performance for two or more consecutive vears
- 2. Closing the achievement gap between student groups
- 3. Excellence in serving special populations of students

In order to qualify under the above categories, the school must have:

- 1. A poverty rate of at least 35% for the selected year;
- 2. Demonstrated high academic achievement for two or more consecutive years;
- Exceeded Expectations as established by the Wyoming Accountability Education Act for at least two consecutive years;
- 4. Clearly demonstrated that it has met the criteria for the category it is applying for; and
- 5. Not been recognized as a Distinguished School during the previous two years.

The application and scoring rubric are attached to this memo. The deadline to submit applications is November 6, 2017.

For more information, contact Jonathon Lever at <u>jon.lever@wyo.gov</u> or 307-777-6216.

Attachments: 2017-18 Application Application Rubric