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for Students to Keep
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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Brent Young, Chief Policy Officer

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SUBJECT: School Health Toolkit

SCHOOL HEALTH TOOLKIT AVAILABLE

The US Department of Education has a new student health resource available to schools called *Healthy Students, Promising Futures, State and Local Action Steps and Practices to Improve School-Based Health*. It can be accessed at:

<http://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/healthy-students/index.html>

The kit concisely explains high-impact opportunities that schools can take to assist students by reinforcing the link between health and education. These include:

1. Assist eligible students and family members to enroll in health insurance;
2. Provide and expand reimbursable health services in schools;
3. Provide or expand services that support at-risk students, including through Medicaid-funded case management;
4. Promote healthy school practices through nutrition, physical activity, and health education;
5. Build local partnerships and participate in hospital community health needs assessments.

The kit can be used in conjunction with other programs and efforts the district already implements.

For questions, please contact Bruce Hayes, School Safety Consultant, at bruce.hayes@wyo.gov or 307-777-6198.