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TO: District Superintendents
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Advisory Committee to the Select Committee on
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FROM: Sarah Murphy, Project Specialist
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SUBJECT: WDE Arizona Education Innovation Tour

INFORMATION TO SHARE

As a reminder, The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) will sponsor a tour of Dysart and Vail Unified school districts in Arizona, on January 29-31.

Director Crandall chose the two districts because of their innovation in digital and blended learning as well as competency-based diplomas.

Dysart's leg of the tour will focus on Digital Learning, and its competency-based diplomas called, "Move on When Ready."

The Vail School District will feature its Beyond Textbooks program, as well as examples of its success in transitioning to a digital curriculum.

The tour is open to district leadership and its boards, State Board of Education Members, lawmakers, as well as education organization leaders and officers. The tour will be limited to five people per district and the first 200 who register.

The Wyoming education contingent will see the efforts at both Dysart and Vail by breaking up into two groups with one group starting in Phoenix and ending

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its tour in Tucson, while the other cohort will begin its tour in Tucson and end in Phoenix. A dinner on January 30 will unite both groups in Casa Grande, and serve as a time for discussion on what best practices might work in Wyoming schools.

Those taking part in the tour are responsible for their own airfare and hotel costs. There is a \$99 registration fee to offset the cost of inter-district transportation, meals, and other expenses, payable by check to the WDE, in care of Sarah Murphy.

Participants should fly out of the city in which their tour concludes. See registration website for more details. asked to arrive in either city no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29.

The WDE will not provide transportation to or from airports, although commercial shuttle services between the two communities are available.

For more detailed information and to register for the tour, go to www.rsvpbook.com/AZWDE. Contact Sarah Murphy at sarah.murphy@wyo.gov or 307-287-4613 with further questions.