

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Superintendents:

A new school year means new opportunities for schools and students, including learning important life skills such as financial literacy. As you are aware, “life skills, including financial personal management skills” is included in state statute as part of our educational basket of goods. Promoting financial literacy in our schools has also been a priority of mine since taking office in 2015 and I am pleased to share this exciting news.

The University of Wyoming recognizes the value of young adults with financial literacy skills so they have partnered with [Ramsey Education and popular financial expert Dave Ramsey](#) to bring financial literacy curriculum and entrepreneurship curriculum to Wyoming high schools free of charge. The curriculum is offered to any Wyoming high school for the 2018-19 school year as a result of UW sponsorship.

One important disclaimer from me is that the curriculum is not required to be used by the Wyoming Department of Education.

Here are a few facts about Ramsey Education's *Foundations in Personal Finance: High School Edition* curriculum and their *Foundations in Entrepreneurship* curriculum:

- 33% of the high schools in Wyoming are already signed up to use the sponsored curriculum.
- It is aligned with [Wyoming's state standards](#) for Social Studies & Careers.
- The curriculum can accompany what teachers are already doing in their classroom.
- More than 4 million U.S. students have gone through the *Foundations in Personal Finance* curriculum.

The curriculum will **not** be sent to Wyoming schools unless requested. Teachers can select online materials or physical workbooks – all teachers have access to online videos and other resources. Materials will not be automatically sent to schools. You, a school or district leader, or teacher should request materials directly from Ramsey Education by contacting Nikki Lyons via email or phone at nikki.lyons@daveramsey.com or 877-732-3598. Ordering takes about 5 minutes.

I will continue working with your schools, the University of Wyoming, and Ramsey Education to identify and share best practices and opportunities. I look forward to hearing about your successes.

Sincerely,



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