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Public Comment, Application for Part B Federal Special Education Funds

Cheyenne- Each year the Wyoming Department of Education makes application for Part B Federal funds. There are two basic components to the application for funds. The first section requires the State to provide assurances that it has policies and procedures to meet all eligibility requirements of Part B of the Act as found in PL 108-446, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and applicable regulations (IDEA). The second component of the application is a spreadsheet showing each required allocation.

The funding amounts used on the current application are FFY2010 amounts, and the U.S. Department of Education has received only short term funding for FFY 2011 through a Continuing Resolution; therefore, actual FFY2011 funding is still not available. However, there are no anticipated changes in the basic funding structure of this program.

Both portions of the application are currently posted on the WDE website at http://edu.wyoming.gov/Programs/special_education.aspx Please take time to review these documents. The Department will be accepting public comment from April 1, 2011 through May 1, 2011. The state will review and consider all public comments and make any necessary modifications to the application or policies and procedures, as appropriate. Public comment may be submitted via email to cleffo@educ.state.wy.us or via US Mail to Wyoming Department of Education, Special Programs Division, 320 W Main Street, Riverton, WY 82501.

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