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MEMORANDUM NO. 2007-79

TO: School District Superintendents
School Principals
School Counselors

FROM: Jim McBride, Ed.D.

DATE: April 13, 2007

SUBJECT: Horatio Alger Scholarship

INFORMATION TO SHARE

Thanks to First Lady Nancy Freudenthal we have become aware of the superb Horatio Alger Scholarship opportunity. Applications are available at www.horatioalger.com. The application criteria are simple, 2.0 GPA, financial need, and a strong desire to contribute to society. Fifty students can receive \$2,500 each. Funds are provided under the sponsorship of the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation.

We join with our First Lady in supporting this program. Please review the First Lady's letter, attached and have interested students visit the Horatio Alger web site immediately. This is an opportunity we shouldn't miss!

Thank you.

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WYOMING GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE
OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY

NANCY FREUDENTHAL

March 28, 2007

Dear Friends:

During my time as First Lady for our great state, one of my long-standing goals has been to enhance educational opportunities for Wyoming students. Today I seek your help and involvement with an exciting new scholarship program.

The Horatio Alger Scholarship Program is offering a new scholarship opportunity for Wyoming students. Not only is the newness of the program unique, the Horatio Alger Scholarship Program also is distinctive because it offers help to students who might not otherwise be eligible for scholarship consideration.

Horatio Alger scholarships are available to students demonstrating a critical financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross income per family); maintaining a minimum grade point average of 2.0; demonstrating integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity; and showing strength of character and desire to contribute to society. Under the sponsorship of the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation, the program will award \$125,000 in scholarships to 50 Wyoming students as part of a five-year commitment, beginning in 2007. Each of the 50 students will receive a \$2,500 scholarship to support studies at a four-year college of his or her choice.

This is an exciting opportunity for Rocky Mountain Power and the citizens of Wyoming to recognize and develop tomorrow's leaders. Unfortunately, to date, not enough students are aware of the program and have applied for the scholarships.

That is why I am asking you to use whatever resources you have available to let more students know about the program, and secondly, to get them to take the next step and apply for the scholarships. To help in that regard, the Horatio Alger Association has extended the application deadline to **May 1, 2007**.

Thank you for your dedication to our state's youth. This is a team effort, so please feel free to share this information with your school colleagues. You may gain access to further information regarding the scholarship program at www.horatioalger.com.

Together, we can work toward providing a brighter future for the youth of Wyoming.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy D. Freudenthal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "N".

Nancy D. Freudenthal