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MEMORANDUM NO. 2008 – 073

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Jim McBride, Ed.D. 

DATE: May 9, 2008

SUBJECT: Statewide Elementary Education Distance Program

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

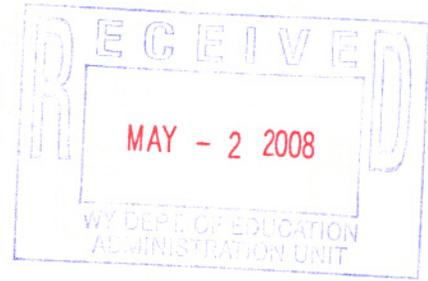
Attached is a letter that I received from Dr. Alan Buss at the University of Wyoming regarding the proposed Statewide Elementary Education Distance Program. Please share this information with your teachers and other interested staff members. Thank you.

JM:rew

Attachment

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Dear Jim:

The University of Wyoming Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education, College of Education, and Outreach School are pleased to announce that the proposed Statewide Elementary Education Distance Program will commence in Fall 2008, with a twist on the originally published schedule.

Individuals who have been unable to complete the bachelor of arts degree in Elementary Education due to lack of access to the UW/CC program in Casper or the UW-Laramie campus will now be able to do so in this three-year program. Students in this program will also complete most of the requirements for early childhood endorsement in Wyoming and have an opportunity to continue course work completing that endorsement with a six credit hour internship. As originally proposed, the UW College of Education and the UW Outreach School will deliver all of the junior/senior level courses via online, videoconferencing or hybrid formats, with some face-to-face meetings to be centrally located in Casper. Students will complete field experiences such as student teaching in nearby schools.

While a significant number of students expressed interest in the program, too few were ready with all of the required prerequisites to begin with a full cohort in the fall of 2008. A revised program timeline was developed to begin with a smaller cohort in Fall 2008, which will then be combined with a second cohort beginning the program in Fall 2009. Cohort 1 will complete the program in Spring 2011 as originally proposed, with Cohort 2 finishing in Spring 2012. Applications for admission to the Fall 2008 cohort are still being accepted. Applications for admission to the Fall 2009 cohort will close April 15, 2009.

We appreciate the contributions and suggestions from partners in the public schools, community colleges, and the university in the development of this program. If you have further questions, or for additional information regarding admission to the program, please visit the University of Wyoming Teacher Education Program website (www.uwyo.edu/ted – click on the “Statewide ELEM Program Pilot” link) or contact Sharyn Polley at (307)587-9974, e-mail: srusk@uwyo.edu.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

Revised Distance Delivery Elementary Education Program Schedule
4/28/08

<p>Fall 2008 EDEC 3000 (3) FCSC 2121 (4)</p> <p>Spring 2009 EDEC 3220 (3) FCSC 2131 (3)</p> <p>Summer 2009 Possible science course (4)</p>	<p>Cohort 1 begins on time by taking Early Childhood Endorsement courses, embedding in existing offerings through UW (EDEC) and Community Colleges (as available)</p>
<p>Fall 2009 EDST 3000 (6) EDST 3550 (2)</p> <p>Spring 2010 EDEL 4109 (5) EDEC 4320 (3)</p> <p>Summer 2010 EDEL 4409 (5) Possible science course for Cohort 2 (4)</p> <p>Fall 2010 EDEL 4309 (5) EDEL 3170 (3)</p> <p>Spring 2011 EDEL 4500 (15)</p>	<p>Cohorts 1 and 2 start Phase II together in same sections.</p> <p>Cohort 1 completes the degree program and graduates in Spring 2011 (3 years total)</p>
<p>Summer 2011 FCSC 4130 (6) Early Childhood Endorsement Internship</p> <p>Fall 2011 EDEC 3000 (3) FCSC 2121 (4)</p> <p>Spring 2012 EDEC 3220 (3) FCSC 2131 (3)</p> <p>Summer 2012 FCSC 4130 (6) Early Childhood Endorsement Internship</p>	<p>Cohort 1 students interested in EC Endorsement complete requirements post graduation</p> <p>Cohort 2 ends in three years (Spring 2012 graduation) by taking EC Endorsement courses as a cohort.</p> <p>Cohort 2 students interested in EC endorsement complete requirements post graduation</p>