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### MEMORANDUM 2008-112

**TO:** Wyoming School Principals

**FROM:** Jim McBride, Ed.D.

**DATE:** August 15, 2008

**SUBJECT:** National Child ID Program

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### PARTICIPATION REQUESTED

I am pleased to announce that the Wyoming Department of Education has entered into an exciting partnership with UW head football coach Joe Glenn.

As a result, Wyoming will participate in the National Child ID Program (NCIDP) at no cost to the districts. In addition, the program has been adopted by college football coaches across the country. We are able to give Coach Glenn a unique win, and be among the first states to include all schools.

In September your school will receive, via the district, enough child ID kits to distribute to every student in your school. I am asking you to ensure that a kit goes home with each of your students.

There has been \$100,000 committed for the program. It allows parents and guardians of all K-12 students the opportunity to record and store fingerprints and DNA samples of their children. This information can be critical in the recovery efforts of authorities in the event of a natural disaster, abduction, or other type of separation.

Each ID kit includes:

1. Inkless fingerprinting card
2. DNA swipes and envelope
3. Lamination for a wallet sized (parent provided) information card

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Enclosed is a suggested parent acknowledgement form that should accompany each kit when it goes home with the student. A school memo to parents can be added. Please make enough copies for all your students.

To help the students in your school participate, it is important to take the following steps:

1. Work in conjunction with your (superintendent assigned) district coordinator.
2. Ensure that each homeroom/first-hour teacher has enough kits for each student.
3. Have each student take a kit home and have their parents gather the kit data.
4. Students need to return their forms signed by a parent or guardian to the teacher they received it from.
5. Teachers, in turn, need to return their signed forms to the district program coordinator.

The school safety office will be gathering parent participation data from the district's program coordinator as early as two weeks after students take the kits home.

For questions or additional kits, please contact Bruce Hayes at 307-777-6198 or [bhayes1@educ.state.wy.us](mailto:bhayes1@educ.state.wy.us). Thank you for your willingness to help keep kids safe. To find out more about the program, go to [www.childidprogram.com](http://www.childidprogram.com).

JM:BH

Enclosure

**Completing this Child ID Safety Kit will go a long way to helping authorities find your child if he or she becomes missing for any reason. Keep the information at home in a safe place. Please sign below when the kit is filled out and return this page to the originating teacher or association member.**

I have completed the Child ID Kit with my child, \_\_\_\_\_,  
as a part of his/her safety homework assignment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**