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**MEMORANDUM NO: 2008 - 142**

**TO:** School District Superintendents

**FROM:** Christine Steele, Director  
Federal Programs Unit 

**DATE:** September 19, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Assurance of Constitutionally Protected Prayer in Public Schools

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### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The U.S. Department of Education annually requires State Education Agencies to provide information on Constitutionally Protected Prayer under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Section 9524(b). Each year WDE certifies that school districts have no policy that prevents, or otherwise denies participation in, constitutionally protected prayer.

This assurance is included annually in the district's Consolidated Grant Application. If your district has already submitted its 2008 Consolidated Grant Application, no further action is required. If your district does not submit its Consolidated Grant application BY OCTOBER 1, 2008, it will be necessary to mail this assurance in hard copy to WDE. The hard copy of the assurance should be sent to Darlena Schlachter in the Federal Programs Unit and received no later than October 30, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Steele (307) 777-6216 [csteel@educ.state.wy.us](mailto:csteel@educ.state.wy.us) or Darlena Schlachter (307) 777-5315 [dschla@educ.state.wy.us](mailto:dschla@educ.state.wy.us).

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