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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Cindy Hill
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DATE: August 1, 2011

SUBJECT: Safe & Drug Free Schools

STATUS UPDATE

No Child Left Behind initiated what we have come to term “Safe & Drug Free Schools” where federal funding became available under this nomenclature (also known as Title IV).

Since the formula funding from this source ended in the 2009-2010 school year, the 2010-2011 time frame was the last full school year where any carry-over funds could be utilized. The formula funding changed into a competitive grant system, but did not reach nearly the number of schools as the former program.

In response to the closing of federally funded Title IV formula grants, the department created two mini-grants; the 2010 and 2011 School Safety initiatives. Many schools have taken advantage of these to jumpstart mentor and anti-bully programs. But even these were funded with federal dollars that last only until the end of this calendar year.

This administration is actively seeking means to support these mentor and anti-bully programs to make it easier for you to carry out your mission. We would like to build on the grants that have been already extended to districts and individual schools in these areas.

For questions on school safety programs and SDFS efforts (or if you have specific strategies/programs that you would like to post on our web site), please contact Bruce Hayes at 777-6198 or bruce.hayes@wyo.gov.