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MEMORANDUM TO SUPERINTENDENTS No. 2013-06

TO: Wyoming School District Superintendents

FROM: Jim Rose, Ed.D.

DATE: February 4, 2013

SUBJECT: New Interim Director of the Wyoming Department of Education

As you know, recent events in the Wyoming Legislature and the Governor's office have changed the structure of Wyoming education. I would like to introduce myself and let you know that as soon as time permits, I want to meet each one of you.

My name is Jim Rose and until last Tuesday, I was simply the executive director of the Wyoming Community College Commission. I have attached a bio so you have some idea of who I am.

The passage of SF104/SEA1 and the signature of Governor Mead last week changed the duties, responsibilities and authority of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The new law also required that the Governor appoint an interim director for the Wyoming Department of Education until a permanent director is in place. I am sobered, humbled and flattered to have been chosen for that interim position.

Until we're able to meet in person, I am working with WDE staff to arrange an online meeting through Blackboard Collaborate. I hope that will provide an opportunity to address the concerns and questions you may have with the transition. I am only now beginning to comprehend the breadth, complexity and importance of the task ahead and so my responses to those concerns and questions may be circumscribed by my limited familiarity with all the facets of what you do and how I can work together with you to serve Wyoming education.

Please feel free to contact me directly at 307-631-8935 if you have pressing concerns or questions. I won't promise an immediate answer beyond "I'll have to get back to you," but I pledge to do all I can to make this transition work as effectively as possible for all of Wyoming. You may also contact Rita Watson at 307-777-7675 or rita.watson@wyo.gov.

Thank you for your patience and support during this transition time.