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MEMORANDUM NO. 2015-008

- TO: School District Superintendents Principals
- **FROM**: Robin Holbrook, Foreign Language Consultant Standards & Accountability Division
- DATE: January 20, 2015

SUBJECT: Wyoming Dual Language Immersion Program Application 2015-2016

TIME SENSITIVE

DUAL LANGUAGE PRIORITY FUNDING AVAILABLE

CHEYENNE - The Wyoming Legislature has provided \$450,000 from the School Foundation account to the Department of Education "to initiate a Dual Language Immersion Program within schools during school years 2014-15 and 2015-16" (2014 Wyo. Sess. Laws 113).

The purposes of this grant are to distribute financial assistance to school districts for the provision of Dual Language Immersion Programs and to require the use of a target foreign language during not less than 50% of student-teacher contact time during each school day.

Priority in funding shall be given to:

- New school districts/charters to Dual Language Immersion programs
- New languages to current school districts offering a Dual Language Immersion program
- School Districts that are expanding Dual Language Immersion program opportunities

Districts and schools wishing to apply for these funds for the 2015-16 school year must complete the application attached to this memo. A downloadable application can be found here: <u>http://edu.wyoming.gov/educators/standards/foreign-language</u>. Schools are to receive the funding by August 15, 2015.

The deadline to submit the application to the WDE is May 18, 2015.

Please contact Robin Holbrook at <u>robin.holbrook@wyo.gov</u> or 307-777-5217 if you have questions.