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TO: Shool District Superintendents

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Health Teachers School Nurses

FROM: Donal Mattimoe, YRBS coordinator, State of Wyoming

Finance and Data Division

DATE: February 9, 2015

SUBJECT: New District Level YRBS reports available in Fusion

Confidential Release of Youth Risk Behavioral Survey Results

CHEYENNE - The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) provides data on health-risk behaviors among middle and high school students in the United States, including behaviors that contribute to injuries and violence; alcohol or other drug use; tobacco use; sexual risk behaviors; unhealthy dietary behaviors; and physical inactivity. YRBS also measures the prevalence of obesity and asthma among youth and young adults.

In prior years the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) posted public statewide aggregated reports on its website. On Monday, February 9th the WDE will provide districts their 2012-13 YRBS data in district level reports. Because this data is collected anonymously the confidential reports have been suppressed to preserve student anonymity. Percentages will be blank when fourteen or less students answer a question and less than five percent or more than 95 percent of students are at risk. The WDE has no intention to post these reports publicly, they were created solely for district use. Because data is suppressed administrators can share data with local law enforcement or community action groups should they choose to.

Reports include a trend report, middle and high school graph, and middle and high school table. The trend report allows districts to compare their district percentages with state and national averages. The trend report includes only the questions that are administered at the national level. The table reports are helpful because they can be filtered by at risk percentage, allowing districts to focus on areas that might be troublesome to their youth.

Data will be securely provided to district personnel via the Wyoming Education Fusion Portal. The reports will be posted to the State YRBS Confidential module of the Data Reporting module. District staff with the following Fusion roles will be able to access the reports: Superintendent, Principal, and Assistant Principals. A new role called YRBS Confidential was created should districts want health teachers, school nurses or other district staff to be able to access confidential YRBS data. Keep in mind that principals will only be able to see the results for their school.

To navigate to the reports, go to the Wyoming Education Fusion Portal homepage at http://fusion.edu.wyoming.gov and login. Then, click on the Data Reporting icon at the top of the screen. Next, click on the YRBS Confidential link on the left.

In the future suppressed district level reports will be available at the same time the statewide data is released. The WDE will distribute the 2015 YRBS surveys in February. We hope that districts find the district level reports useful and will continue to participate in the survey.

If you have questions, please contact Donal Mattimoe at 307-777-6391 or donal.mattimoe@wyo.gov.