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TO: District Superintendents
District Administrators

FROM: Brent Bacon, Chief Academic Officer

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SUBJECT: FERPA Resources

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT RESOURCES

This is a reminder to school districts of resources available to them to ensure compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as they develop Memoranda of Understanding with entities for services to students.

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) frequently uses guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education's Privacy Technical Assistance Center in meeting these obligations. That information is available at <http://ptac.ed.gov>. In addition, the federal FERPA rules are published in the Code of Federal Regulations, 34 C.F.R. part 99, and may be accessed at <http://bit.ly/1FPk61x>.

The Wyoming Department of Education does not monitor FERPA compliance in school districts. The U.S. Department of Education, however, may directly monitor a school district. It is the WDE's intent to bring attention to this particular guidance to aid districts in fulfilling their obligations.

Further, the WDE recommends that districts consult their attorney with questions about how to comply with federal law.

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