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MEMORANDUM NO. 2015-092

TO: School District Superintendents
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Curriculum Directors
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FROM: Shelly Andrews, Accountability Division

DATE: August 24, 2015

SUBJECT: Public Comment on Graduation Requirements

PUBLIC COMMENT ON REVISION TO CHAPTER 31 RULES

2015 Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) No. 87 eliminated the requirement for high school diplomas to provide an endorsement level (tiered diploma) to be stated on a student's transcript (W.S. 21-2-304 (a)(iv)). This legislation also eliminates the district assessment system annual reporting requirement and requires a review of the district assessment system as part of the accreditation review process every five years on a staggered basis (W.S. 21-2-304 (a)(iv)).

The Wyoming Department of Education is proposing changes to Chapter 31 rules to align with 2015 SEA No. 87. These changes reflect the State Board of Education's intent to remove the additional reporting burden by removing the tiered diploma and transcript reporting requirement. Chapter 31 is also being revised to incorporate the change in reporting and review requirements for district assessment systems. Per SEA No. 87, district assessment systems will be reviewed every five years on a staggered basis during the accreditation external review site visit.

A copy of this revised rule is available through the WDE website using the following link: <http://goo.gl/yaJsmC>, under "Chapter 31 Revisions for Public Comment". A copy may also be obtained by contacting Shelly Andrews, Accountability Division, Wyoming Department of Education, 2300 Capitol Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002-0206 or by phone at (307) 777-3781.

The Department will be accepting public comment from August 21, 2015 through October 4, 2015. Written comments may be submitted in writing to Shelly Andrews at the above address or through the electronic public comment form using the following

link: <http://goo.gl/BQSw9m>. The State Board of Education will consider all public comments and make modifications as appropriate.

Please Note: These legislative changes are effective with the 2015-2016 school year and will impact students graduating this fall, and districts scheduled for the five-year accreditation external review site visit in October. The Department received approval for Emergency Rules on August 18, 2015. The changes are in effect for 120 days while the regular rule promulgation process moves forward.

If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Andrews at 307-777-3781 or shelly.andrews@wyo.gov.