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MEMORANDUM NO. 2015-102

TO: School District Superintendents

School Principals Curriculum Coordinators

FROM: Brent Young, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: September 14, 2015

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Plan Deadline Moved to December 7

PROCESS TO SUBMIT IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR SCHOOLS

DUE DECEMBER 7, 2015

This year, schools are required to file a Comprehensive School Improvement Plan for the first time. According to federal guidelines, schools have 90 days after Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) determinations are made to submit their improvement plans. This means the plans must be submitted by December 7, 2015, which supersedes previous November 1 deadlines.

After the initial plans are submitted, the WDE will provide assistance to schools until their improvement plans are fully aligned with the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act (WAEA), as well as federal requirements.

The process for submission of Improvement Plans for schools has changed. The new Comprehensive Plan has replaced the Improvement Plan, and an example can be found within Memorandum No. 2015-031. Visit this link for more information: edu.wyoming.gov/downloads/communications/memos/2015/2015-031.pdf.

This plan document is required by the WAEA for all schools in the Meeting, Partially Meeting, and Not Meeting categories. It is also required for all schools not meeting AYP for the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). In addition, the plan replaces the School Improvement Plan for AdvancED accreditation.

The Comprehensive Plan should also be used by those schools required to submit literacy improvement plans. W.S. 21-3-401(c) requires schools that are not meeting 85% proficiency in reading by 3rd grade to submit improvement plans. In order to meet this requirement, please include the bulleted items below in your

school's Comprehensive Plan. The section where the information will be included is identified in blue next to each requirement.

- District's general strategy for increasing reading proficiency for the next school year included in the teaching and learning improvement plan section of the comprehensive plan
- Address the use of instructional facilitators in grades K-3 across the district (Indicator 3.7 in the comprehensive plan)
- Address the use of certified tutors used in grades K-3 across the district (Indicator 3.12 in the comprehensive plan)

The direct link to the plan is: Comprehensive Plan Document.

Directions for the plan can be found at: Comprehensive Plan Directions

Plans are due by December 7, 2015. Once the Comprehensive Plan is completed, please make it available on your school and/or district website, and submit the link to WDE using the submission form at this link: <u>Plan Submission</u>

For questions regarding plan submission, please contact Dianne Frazer at 307-777-8676 or <u>dianne.frazer@wyo.gov</u>. For questions regarding the Literacy Plan, please contact Lachelle Brant at 307-777-6476 or <u>lachelle.brant1@wyo.gov</u>.