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TO: Superintendents
Principals

FROM: Donal Mattimoe, School Health Profile Coordinator,
Division of Information Management

DATE: January 19, 2016

SUBJECT: School Health Profiles Survey

SCHOOL HEALTH POLICIES AND PRACTICES SURVEY

For more than 7 years, the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have partnered to foster school health policies and programs for our youth.

We are conducting surveys of principals and lead health education teachers to assess the status of school health policies and practices at the secondary school level. The data collected and presented as School Health Profiles will be used to improve school health policies and practices.

Your response to this survey is very important. Without an accurate view of current school health policies and program activities, we cannot plan and allocate resources adequately. The School Health Profiles are critical for designing and administering programs to meet the needs of our students and to provide a basis for future requests for funding.

All schools in the state will receive two online surveys: one for the principal, and one for the lead health education teacher. This teacher may be the only health education teacher, the department chair, the most senior health education teacher, or the teacher who is most knowledgeable about required instruction on health topics. Please provide the chosen teacher's name and email for follow-up correspondence.

We are aware that some principals oversee schools at more than one level (e.g., both a middle school and a high school). Please complete each of the online surveys for only for the grade span indicated on the survey.

Although participation is voluntary, online surveys from both you and your lead health education teacher will help provide a more accurate portrayal of your school. No data will be reported about individual schools, principals, or teachers.

Read each question carefully before responding. Please feel free to consult with other people if you are not sure of an answer. Individual responses will be kept confidential, and the identifying information requested will be used only for contacting you to clarify information.

Surveys will be sent by the first week of February and must be submitted by February 29, 2016. We will send your school a copy of the School Health Profiles report once complete.

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