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TO: School District Superintendents
Principals
Secondary Math and Science Teachers

FROM: Megan Degenfelder, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: September 25, 2017

SUBJECT: 2017 PAEMST State Finalists

2017 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING STATE FINALISTS

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) is the highest recognition that a K-12 mathematics, science, or computer science teachers can receive in the U.S. This year, Wyoming is honoring five state finalists:

- Math:
 - Amy Kassel, Cheyenne East High School
 - Joe Meyer, Lander Valley High School
 - John Hoogestraat, Jackson Hole Middle School
- Science:
 - Kristina Melin, Big Horn Middle School
 - James Stith, Newcastle High School

These finalists were chosen through a rigorous peer review process. Their applications are forwarded to the National Science Foundation where the final selection for the national Presidential Awardee is made. Enacted by Congress in 1983, the program authorizes the President to award 108 math and science teachers each year in recognition of their contribution to excellent teaching and learning.

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