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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Brent Bacon, Chief Academic Officer

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SUBJECT: Pilot Student-Centered Funding Program



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US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PILOT STUDENT-CENTERED FUNDING PROJECT

The US Department of Education (USED) has announced a pilot program that will allow school districts to combine eligible Federal funds with State and local funds to create a single, student-centered funding system. In the context of the pilot, this funding system is based on weights that allocate substantially more for students from low-income families, English learners, and other educationally disadvantaged student groups. The USED can approve up to 50 school districts to participate in this pilot program.

An LEA applying by July 15, 2018, will be proposing a system that would be implemented in the 2019-2020 school year, which provides time for transition to implementing an approved plan. USED is eager to receive applications from interested LEAs who share our enthusiasm about the program, the flexibility it gives local leaders, and its potential impact on equity and transparency in resource allocation.

There will be two sets of upcoming webinars about the program:

- The first set describes how student-centered funding systems function and how to complete the application. These will take place on [Wednesday, May 30 from 2-3:30 pm](#) and [Thursday May, 31 from 12:30 – 2 pm](#) ET.
- The second set goes into more detail about the requirements of the pilot, provides Q&A sessions, and addresses lessons learned during the spring 2018 submission cycle. These will take place on [Wednesday, June 20 from 2-3:30 pm](#) and [Thursday, June 21 from 12-1:30 pm](#) ET.

[Applications](#) for flexibility for the 2018-19 school year are due by July 15, 2018. [General information](#) and an [FAQ](#) are available on the USED website. Wyoming Department of Education School Foundation Program Supervisor Jed Cicarelli can assist with general support in completing the application.

For more information about this program, contact USED at weightedfundingpilot@ed.gov. For more information about the application, contact Jed Cicarelli at jed.cicarelli@wyo.gov or 777-5808.