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MEMORANDUM NO. 2018-084

TO: School District Superintendents
K-12 Principals

FROM: Megan Degenfelder, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: August 20, 2018

SUBJECT: Child Sexual Abuse Education, Prevention, & Response

STUDENT SAFETY ISSUE

Pursuant to [W.S. 21-3-133](#) and [21-9-104](#) as created by [2018 Senate Enrolled Act 67](#), districts are authorized to take the following actions regarding sexual abuse prevention:

- Provide parents with information on the warning signs of child sexual abuse;
- Provide training to teachers and other employees;
- Consult with federal, state, and local entities and community-based organizations, including the child welfare information gateway internet website maintained by the U.S. Department of Health;
- Develop community-based strategies to promote education, collaboration, and accountability among persons and entities who are responsible for child sexual abuse education;
- Accept funds from public and private sources for related programs.

In addition, districts may include child sexual abuse prevention instruction in health and safety programs in an appropriate manner. This may include:

- Recognizing sexual abuse and assault;
- Personal boundary violations;
- Ways in which a sexual offender may groom a victim;
- Strategies relating to disclosure, reducing self-blame, and mobilizing bystanders.

A list of Wyoming's community-based programs and resources can be found at: www.wyomingdvsa.org/programs. These programs are ready to help local school districts and all local community members with conversations around implementation of this new law, including best practices on child sexual abuse prevention.

In addition, a list of sexual abuse prevention programs can be found on the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website](http://www.hhs.gov).

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