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MEMORANDUM NO. 2018-086

TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: August 20, 2018

SUBJECT: Public Comment on School Finance and Special Education Rules

PUBLIC COMMENT ON RULES REGARDING SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SCHOOL FINANCE

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is promulgating [Chapter 8](#) and [Chapter 44](#) Rules and now seeks public comment on the proposed rules. The comment window is open from August 20 through October 14, 2018.

Section 4 of [2018 HEA0068](#) requires the WDE to review statutes and rules relating to special education to provide recommendations, guidance, and input on best practices for fiscal efficiencies. Chapter 44 Rules and Regulations have been drafted as a result of this legislation and are also based on a recommendation from the Department of Audit to “revise rules governing reimbursable expenditures to give clearer guidance on the types of expenditures that would be appropriate to claim for reimbursement on the WDE401.” This recommendation was made after an audit on special education reimbursements to districts for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

This new chapter will provide detailed guidance to school districts on reimbursable special education expenditures within the Wyoming Education Resource Block Grant Model. Several

updates were made to Chapter 8 to reflect the addition of Chapter 44. More information on the changes is available in the [Statement of Reasons](#).

Comments can be submitted online for [Chapter 44](#) and [Chapter 8](#) or mailed to:

Wyoming Department of Education
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All public comments will be recorded verbatim, including the submitter's name and city of residence, and will be posted on the Secretary of State's website.

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