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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Megan Degenfelder, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: August 20, 2018

SUBJECT: Great Wyoming Shakeout - Statewide Earthquake Drill

STATEWIDE SCHOOL SAFETY DRILL

The Wyoming Office of Homeland Security recommends schools incorporate a short earthquake drill among other safety drills districts may have planned for the 2018-19 school year. Earthquake drills are rehearsed by millions of students across the world each year, and Wyoming's version is called "[The Great Wyoming Shake Out.](#)"

The drill takes about one minute to complete and uses the "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" approach, which covers actions students and staff can take to protect themselves from injury or death in a serious earthquake. A YouTube video demonstration of "Drop, Cover and Hold On" by Los Angeles County Firefighters can be seen [here](#).

Participating schools should register in order for the drill to be counted. Additional information and the registration form are available at www.shakeout.org/wyoming.

For questions, contact Melinda Gibson, State Earthquake Program Manager, at 307-777-4914 or melinda.gibson@wyo.gov.