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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2018-120



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**SUBJECT:** 2018-19 National Title I Distinguished Schools  
Application



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## NATIONAL TITLE I DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL AWARD APPLICATION

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) seeks applicants for the 2018-19 National Title I Distinguished School Award. The National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators honors Title I schools across the country for innovations in helping students achieve high educational standards. Schools nationwide that represent superior Title I programs, offer focused and innovative professional development opportunities for staff, show strong community involvement, and achieve success with individualized student programs are recognized with this award.

The WDE will select, at most, one qualifying school in each of the following categories:

- Exceptional student performance for two or more consecutive years.
- Closing the achievement gap between student groups.
- Excellence in serving special populations of students.

In order to qualify under the above categories, the school must have:

- A poverty rate of at least 35 percent for the selected year.
- Demonstrated high academic achievement for two or more consecutive years.

- Exceeded expectations as established by WAEA for at least two consecutive years.
- Clearly demonstrated that it has met the criteria for the category it is applying for.
- Not been recognized as a Distinguished School during the previous two years.

The application and scoring rubric are attached to this memo. Applications must be submitted by November 7, 2018.

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