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MEMORANDUM NO. 2018-126

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

DATE: November 5, 2018

SUBJECT: E-rate Category 2 Wi-Fi Funding Expiring

2018 WYOMING E-RATE CATEGORY 2 FUNDING REMAINING

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE), the Governor's Office, the Department of Enterprise Technology Services, and EducationSuperHighway (ESH) have been working with districts to use their E-rate Category 2 funding to improve classroom connectivity. As part of E-rate modernization in 2015, the Federal Communications Commission made available \$150 per student for Wi-Fi and internal connections upgrades over five years. As the final year begins, **Wyoming schools have \$5.6 million left to spend.**

The WDE is renewing its commitment to help school district technology leaders access these funds to bring robust and reliable Wi-Fi to classrooms. **This E-rate Category 2 funding is only guaranteed through 2019, so districts must act now before it expires.**

Attached are the amounts of E-rate Category 2 funding that are still available for districts to use to make Wi-Fi upgrades. ESH is offering pro bono support for districts that need help planning their upgrades. ESH can assist districts with understanding available budgets, making the best use of E-rate Category 2 funds, and running successful E-rate procurement. Districts can schedule a brief call with ESH's support team [here](#).

The WDE aims to ensure districts have the support they need to take advantage of this important funding opportunity.

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