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TO: School District Superintendents
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NATIONAL ESEA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS AWARD WINNERS

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) has announced Baldwin Creek Elementary School in Fremont School District #1 and Sheridan Junior High School in Sheridan County School District #2 as the 2018-19 National ESEA Distinguished School Award winners.

The National Association of ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) State Program Administrators selects examples of superior federally-funded school programs for national recognition through the National ESEA Distinguished Schools Program. Schools are selected by state educational agencies and must qualify under one 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 (e.g. homeless, migrant, English learners, etc.).

Baldwin Creek Elementary showed excellence in serving special populations of students in reading and mathematics. Fourth and fifth grade Native American students were proficient or advanced

in both reading and math. Sheridan Junior High School sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students demonstrated exceptional performance for two consecutive years in reading and math.

These two schools represent superior Title 1 programs, offer focused and innovative professional development opportunities for staff, show strong community involvement, and achieve success with individualized student programs. Moreover, both winning schools have poverty rates of at least 35 percent and exceeded expectations as established by the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act for at least two consecutive years.

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