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TO: School District Superintendents
Curriculum Coordinators
Career and Technical Education Coordinators
Technology Coordinators
Assessment Coordinators
Principals

FROM: Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: April 8, 2019

SUBJECT: Computer Science Training: Strategic Planning Tool for School Districts

COMPUTER SCIENCE STRATEGIC PLANNING TOOL TRAINING

Through a grant provided by Microsoft Philanthropies, the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) will offer school districts computer science planning training called Strategic CSforALL Resource & Implementation Planning Tool (SCRIPT). SCRIPT training provides districts with strategic planning tools to think through the various aspects needed to provide equitable, high-quality computer science education available to all students in their district.

The training will occur over a year, starting with a two-day SCRIPT workshop. During the workshop, school district or charter school teams will be led through a series of self-assessment and goal-setting activities to develop a computer science education vision and roadmap on how to get there. The goal of the workshop is for district teams to build or expand upon their computer science education implementation plans.

Three months after the initial training, WDE staff will visit participating school districts to discuss plan implementation progress and provide support. Six months after the initial training, districts will come together as a group to report on their successes, challenges, and

update/revise plans to better achieve goals. After one year, districts will come back together to plan for the second year of moving toward full implementation of computer science in all grades.

The training will occur in five regions, which will be open to six school districts in each region.

- Casper: May 14 & 15, 2019, Oct. 15, 2019 and May 20, 2020
- Rock Springs: June 4 & 5, 2019, Nov. 14, 2019, and June 4, 2020
- Cheyenne: June 11 & 12, 2019, Nov. 19, 2019, and June 11, 2020
- Worland: Aug. 5 & 6, 2019, Jan. 7, 2020, and Aug. 6, 2020
- Gillette: Sept. 24 & 25, 2019, Feb. 25, 2020, and Sept. 24, 2020

Districts are required to **apply** to attend. Districts serving substantially rural and underserved students will be given priority. Districts must bring at least four team members but can bring up to six. Districts participants must include a district leader and school leader, and media/tech facilitators and teachers teaching computer science are highly encouraged to be on the team.

The grant will cover costs for substitutes for two teachers to attend the initial two-day training. If the training occurs over the summer, the teachers will be paid their daily contract rate.

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