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MEMORANDUM NO. 2019-087

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

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SUBJECT: Chapter 46 Public Comment: Early Childhood Grant



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PUBLIC COMMENT OPEN FOR CHAPTER 46 RULES

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is promulgating [Chapter 46](#) Rules and seeks public comment on the proposed rules. The comment window is open until October 6, 2019.

During the 2019 Legislative Session, [HEA0051](#) was passed requiring the WDE to work collaboratively with the Governor's Early Childhood State Advisory Council to oversee funds directed to early childhood learning opportunities. This work will establish rules and implement and evaluate grants to eligible school districts or other nonprofit service providers to facilitate community early childhood collaboratives that promote high standards for early learning, while maximizing the use of resources. These rules establish a process to award Early Childhood Community Collaboration Grants to early childhood providers.

Each grant award is worth \$50,000 and requires a 1:4 match; \$1 of appropriated funds to \$4 of matching funds. Matching funds may include: local tax dollars, federal dollars, parent tuition, philanthropic contributions and in-kind donations of facilities, equipment and services required as part of the program such as food services and health screenings.

Submit comments for regular Chapter 46 Rules [online](#) or mail to:
Wyoming Department of Education
Attn: Thom Jones
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All public comments will be recorded verbatim, including the submitter's name and city of residence. When commenting, please specify which section of the rule the comment is concerning. All comments will be recorded and filed with the [Secretary of State's Office](#).

Due to the short timeframe to award these grant funds, the WDE is currently working under emergency rules to expedite the process. Interested early childhood programs are encouraged to apply now for this grant; however, all public comment on Chapter 46 rules will be considered before the grants are awarded.

The application is available on the WDE's [website](#). Grant applications are due October 1, 2019 and successful applicants will be notified by November 1, 2019.

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