MEMORANDUM NO. 2019-106

TO: School District Superintendents
    Principals
    Teachers

FROM: Jillian Balow, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

DATE: September 9, 2019

SUBJECT: Corrected: Essay Contest: How will you be part of Wyoming’s history?

ESSAY CONTEST: HOW WILL YOU BE PART OF WYOMING’S HISTORY?

On December 10, 1869, Wyoming passed the first law in the U.S. to permanently guarantee women their inherent right to vote and hold office - a full 50 years before the United States did so. This event was not only historic for Wyoming, but for the world. Since that time, Wyoming women have continued to make history. During 2019 and 2020, Wyoming will celebrate the wondrous achievements of Wyoming women of the past, present and future.

Today’s young women must continue the tradition and add their own achievements to Wyoming’s legacy. As Superintendent of Public Instruction, I want to know what the future holds for Wyoming through the minds of our youth. I invite young women in grades 7-12 to participate in the essay contest How will you be part of Wyoming’s history? One winner will come to Cheyenne on December 10, with one parent/guardian to read their essay or speak at the Capitol on Women’s Suffrage Day. They will also meet women leaders from the executive and legislative branches and other officials. The rules are:

- Topic: Write an essay of no more than 500 words about how they will be a part of Wyoming history.
- Due date is October 31.
- Submit essay by email to Penny Rodriguez at penny.rodriguez@wyo.gov.
All essays will be evaluated by a WDE team that I will lead, and the winner will be notified by November 10.

For your convenience, a flyer announcing the essay contest can be found here.

For more information, contact Michelle Panos at (307)777-8568 or michelle.panos1@wyo.gov.