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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2019-113

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
Principals  
Teachers

**FROM:** Jillian Balow, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

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**SUBJECT:** Holiday Cards For Our Military Challenge



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## HOLIDAY CARDS FOR OUR MILITARY CHALLENGE

[Dr. Laura Landerman-Garber](#), the creator of Holiday Cards For Our Military Challenge, has been collecting holiday cards to send to American military personnel stationed overseas. Servicemembers appreciate and look forward to receiving cards of encouragement and best wishes. Cards can truly lift spirits. This year, I challenge school districts across Wyoming to take part in this campaign.

The idea, as represented in this [video](#) from the New Hampshire Department of Education, is to encourage students to sign personalized expressions of respect, caring, and gratitude to deployed U.S. troops. Last year's effort collected more than 50,000 cards that were sent to U.S. Servicemen and Women across the globe.

Drop off or mail the holiday cards to the Wyoming Department of Education by October 25, 2019 at 122 W. 25th St. Suite E200, Cheyenne, WY 82002, attention Rita Watson. This will allow the cards to be delivered to the Pentagon for global distribution in time for the holidays. For more information, including guidelines for writing cards, visit [Holiday Cards For Our Military Challenge](#).

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