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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Trent Carroll, Chief of Operations

DATE: October 21, 2019

SUBJECT: Nominations Open for Presidential Cybersecurity
Education Award

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR PRESIDENTIAL CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION AWARD

In Wyoming, there are currently 172 cybersecurity related job openings. Losses due to security breaches and scams for Wyoming's citizens, businesses, and organizations nearly doubled between 2017 and 2018, according to the FBI's Internet Crimes Complaint Database reports. In 2018, Wyomingites lost \$4,517,128 to reported internet-related crimes. Cybersecurity is integral to Wyoming's future. Cyber-trained technology professionals are needed to help in every business, hospital, school, nonprofit, and municipality in the state. Education of our students for these high-paying jobs, and teaching them to be safe in an increasingly connected world, is more important than ever.

To highlight the national importance of this critical training, the U.S. Department of Education has announced the [Presidential Cybersecurity Education Award](#). Two educators, one elementary and one secondary, will be awarded in the spring of 2020. The award criteria includes instilling their students with the skills, knowledge and passion for cybersecurity and related topics and subjects.

The nomination window is open until January 31, 2020. Anyone may nominate an educator and self-nominations are also permitted. Rules, terms and conditions, and specifics on how to apply, can be found [here](#). Nominations should be submitted to CyberAwards@ed.gov.

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