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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction

DATE: May 15, 2020

SUBJECT: Wyoming Author C.J. Box to Talk with English, Creative Writing, and History Students

WYOMING AUTHOR C.J. BOX TO TALK WITH ENGLISH, CREATIVE WRITING AND HISTORY STUDENTS

I invite high school English, creative writing and history students and teachers to join me for another special opportunity to participate in a virtual conversation with one of Wyoming's most accomplished writers, C.J. Box.

Box, a *New York Times* best-selling author, will speak with students and teachers from 11 a.m.-noon MDT on **Friday, May 22** via the Zoom online platform. This is an opportunity for students to ask questions about where Box gets his ideas for novels, including his highly successful Joe Pickett series, his books that have been made into television series, and the creative writing process in general.

Teachers who would like their classes to participate on the call can email Thom Gabrukiewicz at thom.gabrukiewicz@wyo.gov to receive the Zoom information. Registration will be required to participate. Teachers should forward the Zoom link and information from the email response from Thom Gabrukiewicz to their students, who will then register for the event using their district-supplied emails.

Teachers should also coordinate with their students if they wish to ask questions of Box prior to the meeting. During the call, participants will automatically be muted. Once the meeting starts, students can use the non-verbal feedback tool in the participant window to raise their hand and their microphone and camera will be unmuted to give them the opportunity to speak.

For more information, contact Thom Gabrukiewicz at thom.gabrukiewicz@wyo.gov.