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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2020-110

**TO:** Superintendents  
Curriculum Directors  
Virtual Education Coordinators  
Principals

**FROM:** Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

**DATE:** July 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** TeachUNITED 2020-2021 Coaching Program

# PERSONALIZED AND BLENDED LEARNING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) received an invitation for Wyoming school districts to participate in a grant-funded professional development opportunity for teachers. The focus of the program is to support high-quality instructional design during the online/face-to-face uncertainties schools are facing, with the intent to lift the professional development burden from districts. The TeachUNITED program training will qualify for the virtual education professional development Professional Teaching Standards Board-approved workshop requirements.

For more information about professional development programs available for personalized and blended learning, complete this short [form](#) and/or [watch this recording](#) of the TeachUnited presentation for Wyoming educators and districts.

### TeachUNITED 2020-21 Coaching Program

**Includes:** One-year instructional coaching, online and blended PD courses, workshops/webinars, PLC frameworks to sustain the work.

**Topics:**

- Personalized & Blended Learning.
- Student Engagement.
- Data-Driven Design.
- Growth Mindset.

**COVID-19 Strategies:** Transitioning Between In-Person and Remote Instruction (if needed).

**Cost:** \$4,800 per school team of three-five (TeachUNITED covers the rest of the cost via their grant and philanthropy funds).

The entire program can be delivered virtually, or a hybrid of virtual and in-person. For more information, visit [TeachUNITED.org: School Accelerator](https://teachunited.org/school-accelerator) and [School Solutions](https://teachunited.org/school-solutions).

### **Professional Development Plan Example**

#### *Implementing Best Practices in Personalized and Blended Learning*

- *Kick-Off Event/Webinar*
  - Introduction to Personalized and Blended Learning/Strategies.
  - Coaching/Consulting for site-based teachers and/or Instructional Coach
  - Live/synchronous work sessions occur about every two-three weeks, depending on participant request and availability.
  - Participants: Teachers and/or Instructional Coaches.
- *Quarterly Workshops/Webinars*
  - Applying Personalized Learning Strategies, Data-Driven Design, Student Engagement.
  - Participants: Teachers, Instructional Coaches, and/or School Leadership Team.
- *Online courses and resources for personalized learning design*
  - About 15-30 hours, asynchronous format.
  - Participants: Teachers, Instructional Coaches, and/or School Leadership Team.

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