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TO: School District Superintendents
District Grant Managers
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FROM: Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: August 3, 2020

SUBJECT: CARES Act GEER Allocations

CARES ACT GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY EDUCATION RELIEF GRANT (GEER) ALLOCATIONS

To assist districts with planning for use of CARES Act funding, this memo serves as the official communication of the first round of the CARES Act Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) grant allocations to Wyoming school districts. Governor Mark Gordon's office has indicated that a second round will be awarded later in the upcoming school year to allow for time to consider different needs that may arise as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The first round of allocations can be found [here](#).

The GEER grant application will be available in the Wyoming Department of Education's Grants Management System (GMS) on July 31, 2020. Awards can be used for relevant expenses dating back to March 13, 2020, and funds are available through September 30, 2022.

Equitable Services for eligible private schools are required with GEER grants. This consultation and calculation must be completed by September 30, 2020. Training on Equitable Service calculation methods can be accessed [here](#).

The second round of funding will be added to the grant application at a later date to be determined by Governor Gordon's office. The second round will also require Equitable Services for eligible private schools.

For questions about Equitable Services, contact Jess Binning, ESSA Grant Team Supervisor, at jess.binning@wyo.gov or Shannon Cranmore, Equitable Services Ombudsman, at shannon.cranmore@wyo.gov.

For questions about the grant application, contact Amy Reyes, Early Learning Specialist, at amy.reyes@wyo.gov.

For questions about the GEER Grant, contact Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer, at shelley.hamel@wyo.gov.