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MEMORANDUM NO. 2020-135

TO: School District Superintendents
Principals
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FROM: Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: August 24, 2020

SUBJECT: School Improvement Plans

GUIDANCE FOR 2020-21 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN SUBMISSIONS

On March 20, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education granted Wyoming's request for a waiver from federal assessment, accountability and school identification requirements due to school building closures and educational disruption from the COVID-19 pandemic. Subsequently, the State Board of Education (SBE) used their authority under [W.S. 21-2-204\(d\)\(vi\)](#) to grant an exception to the state's accountability requirements for all Wyoming schools, for the 2019-20 school year, due to the inability to administer the statewide assessment.

As a result, no accountability determinations will be made for the 2019-20 school year and Wyoming schools continue to hold the School Performance Rating and any federal identifications for support they received for the 2018-19 school year.

For the current year, schools will use the 2018-19 School Performance Rating to create its 2020-21 school improvement plan. This can be done in one of two ways: submit last year's school improvement plan with revisions as necessary and the date changed to 2020-21, or create a new school improvement plan using the 2018-19 School Performance Rating. As in

previous years, plans are posted on the school or district website, with links submitted, as part of the annual accreditation evidence. The deadline for posting the plan is November 1, 2020.

For more information or assistance with this process, contact Catherine Palmer, Accreditation Consultant, at 307-777-6198 or catherine.palmer@wyo.gov.