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

DATE: September 21, 2020

SUBJECT: CARES Act Equitable Services Update

CARES ACT EQUITABLE SERVICES UPDATE

To provide ongoing assistance to districts with equitable services under the CARES Act, the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is announcing that the U.S. Department of Education (USED) has determined that the CARES Act Equitable Services Interim Final Rule is no longer in effect.

As a result of this determination, the two options for LEAs set forth in the Interim Final Rule are invalid. Therefore, districts must calculate the equitable services set-aside under the CARES Act based on Title I: the number of students from low-income families, not the total enrollment of private school students.

The WDE will provide updated CARES Act equitable services training on Thursday, September 24, 2020. There are two opportunities to attend the training, or districts can request a recording of the training.

The training will cover how to calculate equitable services for the ESSER and GEER grants, what documentation is needed for federal compliance, and how this updated information impacts indirect cost rates, currently approved grant applications, and supplement not supplant requirements.

Training Opportunities:

From 9 – 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2020.: <https://zoom.us/j/95417996236>

From 2 – 3 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2020.: <https://zoom.us/j/95310933059>

For more information about CARES Act equitable services, contact the ESSA Consolidated Grants Team Supervisor/ ESSER Program Manager Jess Binning at 307-777-6208 or jess.binning@wyo.gov, or WDE Equitable Services Ombudsman Shannon Cranmore at 307-777-3672 or shannon.cranmore@wyo.gov.