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TO: School District Superintendents
K-12 Principals
Directors of Special Education
Principals
District Test Coordinators Building Test Coordinators

FROM: Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: October 12, 2020

SUBJECT: Fall 2020-21 Student Climate Survey for Alternative
School Accountability

FALL STUDENT CLIMATE SURVEY WINDOW NOVEMBER 2-13

Note: Although this memo pertains to alternative school accountability, the student climate survey is available to all Wyoming schools that serve grades 6-12.

The fall student climate survey window will be open from **November 2-13, 2020**. All schools that serve grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the student survey, but it is typically required for all alternative high schools as part of the Climate indicator in the alternative school accountability model. All 6-12 schools, including alternative schools, that intend to participate in the student survey must complete this [form](#) no later than **October 21, 2020**.

The 24-item student climate survey uses a Likert scale to measure students' perceptions related to trust, respect, support, and high expectations. Additionally, the survey includes one open-ended question: "Is there anything else you want to tell us about your experience at this school?" The survey is administered online and takes about 20 minutes for students to complete. Each student will receive a unique identifier to login to the survey. The race, ethnicity, and other subgroup information will be used to provide aggregated reports back to the state, district, and

schools. Individual student responses will not be reported back to the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) or district staff.

The WDE worked with an alternative schools technical advisory group to develop a framework for alternative school accountability. This allows the school performance ratings to reflect a more accurate representation of alternative school performance under the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act (WAEA). As such, alternative school accountability is based on a model that meaningfully differentiates performance among alternative schools, rather than to compare alternative schools to traditional high schools in Wyoming.

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