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TO: School District Superintendents
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NATIONAL ESEA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS

The Wyoming Department of Education has announced Shoshoni Elementary School in Fremont County School District #24 and Stagecoach Elementary School in Sweetwater County School District #1 as the 2020 National ESEA Distinguished School Award winners.

The National Association of ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) State Program Administrators selects examples of superior federally-funded school programs for national recognition through the National ESEA Distinguished Schools Program. Schools are selected by state educational agencies and must qualify under one of the following categories:

- Exceptional student performance and academic growth for two or more consecutive years.
- Closing the achievement gap between student groups for two or more consecutive years.
- Excellence in serving special populations of students (homeless, English learners, etc.).

Stagecoach Elementary closed the achievement gap in reading and mathematics between third and fourth grade students from the 2017-18 school year to the 2018-19 school year and Shoshoni Elementary

demonstrated exceptional student performance and academic growth in reading from the 2016-17 school year to the 2018-19 school year. Both schools showed a poverty rate of at least 35%, based on free and reduced lunch counts.

These two schools represent superior Title I programs, offer focused and innovative professional development opportunities for staff, show strong community involvement, and achieve success with individualized student programs. Moreover, Shoshoni Elementary and Stagecoach Elementary met or exceeded expectations as established by the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act during the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years.

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