MEMORANDUM NO. 2021-012

TO: School District Superintendents
    Title I Grant Managers
    Consolidated Grant Managers
    Business Managers

FROM: Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: February 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Poverty Data Collection Options for Local Educational Agencies for the 2021-22 School Year

POVERTY DATA COLLECTION OPTIONS FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

The U.S. Department of Education has released a fact sheet that offers state educational agencies and local educational agencies (LEAs) the option to choose National School Lunch Program (NSLP) data to carry out certain activities under Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs Operated by LEAs.

LEAs would ordinarily use NSLP data collected during the 2020-21 school year to implement Title I, Part A for the 2021-22 school year. LEAs with insufficient or unavailable 2020-21 NSLP data to determine 2021-22 school year allocations have the option to use the best available NSLP data which may be from the 2019-20 school year. This data is used to identify eligible school attendance areas and schools, rank areas and schools, determine Title I equitable share services for private school students, and determine the Title I, Part A allocation for each area and served school. LEAs also have the option to use the best available NSLP data which may be from the 2019-20 school year to determine the proportional share for equitable services in school year 2021-22 if NSLP data is not available or underreported from the 2020-21 school year.

The Wyoming Department of Education invites all districts to participate in one of two webinars designed to illustrate the poverty data options for the 2021-2022 school year. The first webinar
is scheduled from 9 – 10 a.m. MST on February 16, 2021 and can be joined here. The second webinar is scheduled from 10 – 11 a.m. MST on February 18, 2021 and can be joined here. Dial 1-346-248-7799 and use Meeting ID: 973 8660 3904, Passcode: 588752 on February 16 or dial 1-346-248-7799 and use Meeting ID: 925 6239 2558, Passcode: 305534 on February 18.

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