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TO: School District Superintendents
ALL TANF related staff and preschool related staff

FROM: Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: March 1, 2021

SUBJECT: WISER IDs For Local Temporary Assistance for Needy Families' Students

WISER IDS FOR LOCAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES' STUDENTS

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funded preschool sites to assign TANF students unique student identifiers or WISER IDs. These IDs will allow the WDE to provide TANF aggregated and suppressed outcomes for TANF students to be used to evaluate preschool curriculum, smoother kindergarten transitions and teaching strategies in the future.

This will become a standard part of the TANF enrollment process going forward. TANF preschool personnel will be reaching out to parents in the near future to coordinate permission. Efforts to link local early childhood data with K-12 are greatly appreciated. Linked data systems provide a greater understanding of the relationships among early learning opportunities and later outcomes. In addition, it provides two-way communication to ensure school readiness and coordination of services to support individual student needs.

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