MEMORANDUM NO. 2021-052

TO: School District Superintendents
    Secondary School Principals
    Social Studies Teachers

FROM: Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: April 26, 2021

SUBJECT: Heart Mountain Presentation

HEART MOUNTAIN INTERNEE SAM MIHARA TO ADDRESS WYOMING 7-12 STUDENTS

Sam Mihara, who was imprisoned at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center in northwest Wyoming as a 9-year-old boy during World War II, will share his recollections of the experience during a Zoom talk at 1:30 p.m. on May 5, 2021.

Teachers will need to register their classes here by 5 p.m. on May 4, 2021. The session will also be live streamed on YouTube.

Students in grades 7-12 are encouraged to watch Mihara’s 60-minute presentation and submit questions through the chat box. Learn more about his story here.

In 1942, the U.S. government decided to remove all people of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast and place them into desolate prison camps. Mihara, whose home was in San Francisco, and his family were among 120,000 Japanese Americans forced by armed military soldiers to move to the camps. He spent three years at Heart Mountain.

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