MEMORANDUM NO. 2021-079

TO:      School District Superintendents
         Curriculum Coordinators
         Principals

FROM:    Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

DATE:    June 21, 2021

SUBJECT: Modifications to Accreditation Peer Review

PEER REVIEW MODIFICATIONS

The Accreditation Task Force approved modifications to the five-year accreditation peer review workbook and process on June 2, 2021. An updated workbook can be found here. Districts that have upcoming reviews this fall will be given the choice of using the new or old format.

Additionally, the task force agreed to the elimination of the stakeholder survey. The survey used in the past was created by the state, administered by the district, with the results reviewed by the peer review team. Instead, decisions related to stakeholder surveys will be up to the district leadership.

During the 2021-22 school year, districts will have the option to choose between an in-person or virtual peer review visit. An email regarding the preferred review method will be sent to superintendents, along with the preference on the use of the new or old workbook. Starting the 2022-23 school year, all peer review visits will be conducted in-person.

Finally, due to budget reductions, the Wyoming Department of Education will no longer offer reimbursement for an outside vendor’s external review.

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