

MEMORANDUM NO. 2021-089

TO: School District Superintendents
FROM: Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer
DATE: July 26, 2021
SUBJECT: Questionnaire on Water Access in Schools

WATER ACCESS IN SCHOOLS

Students' mental and physical health are vital to their academic success, and water plays an important role in maintaining a child's overall health. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (2021) states: "Drinking water supports children's muscles, joints, and tissues; improves their digestive system; and keeps their growing bodies hydrated."

The Wyoming Department of Education and the American Heart Association (AHA) have collaborated in the prevention of disease and promotion of health in Wyoming schools through many different avenues over the years. Through this collaboration, the agencies have created a short questionnaire/assessment for each district to complete. The premise is that routine and reliable access to water benefits everyone and especially children in so many ways.

The questionnaire can be accessed [here](#) through August 23, 2021. The results will be used to further assess areas of need.

Also, use this link to view the AHA's resources on water access: [Fun Facts for Water Access in Schools](#).

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