

## MEMORANDUM NO. 2021-108

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
Principals  
Teachers

**FROM:** Jillian Balow, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

**DATE:** September 7, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Holiday Cards for Our Military Challenge

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## HOLIDAY CARDS FOR OUR MILITARY CHALLENGE

[Dr. Laura Landerman-Garber](#), the founder of Holiday Cards For Our Military Challenge, has been collecting holiday cards to send to American military personnel stationed overseas since 2003. Service members appreciate - and look forward to - receiving cards of encouragement and best wishes. Cards can truly lift spirits - and personalized and signed greeting cards and letters reflect genuine support and caring, respect and appreciation of our military heroes, letting them know that they are not alone during the winter holiday season and now throughout the year.

This year, I challenge school districts across Wyoming to take part in this campaign. In 2019, Wyoming contributed thousands of cards to this effort. The cards were inspiring and included a touch of what makes our state special. This year, we would like to send *tens of thousands* of cards from Wyoming. Guidelines and support for students and school staff can be found [here](#).

Participants can drop off or mail the holiday cards to the Wyoming Department of Education by October 22, 2021 at 122 W. 25th St. Suite E200, Cheyenne, WY 82002, attention Rita Watson. **State Superintendent Balow will select several schools to visit where she will personally collect cards from students. If you are participating and interested in Superintendent Balow visiting your school, please email Rita at [rita.watson@wyo.gov](mailto:rita.watson@wyo.gov).**

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*For more information, including writing prompts for students to start their cards, visit [Holiday Cards For Our Military Challenge website](#).*