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MEMORANDUM NO. 2022–031

 TO: School District Superintendents Special Education Directors
FROM: Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer
DATE: March 21, 2022
SUBJECT: Public Comment, 2022-23 Application for Part B Federal Special Education Funds

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPEN FOR STATE APPLICATION MARCH 21, 2022 - APRIL 19, 2022

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) seeks public comment on its annual state application under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) as amended in 2004 Federal Special Education Funds. The application consists of two required components for funds. The first section requires the state to provide assurances that it has in effect policies and procedures to meet all eligibility requirements of Part B of the Act as found in PL 108-446, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and applicable regulations (IDEA). If the state cannot provide the assurances outlined, it must provide a date when revision will be made in order to bring state policies and procedures in line with the Federal regulations.

The second component of the application is an interactive spreadsheet that includes:

- How amounts retained under section 20 U.S.C. 1411(e) for State administration and Statelevel activities will be used to meet the requirements of Part B.
- Specifically, how those amounts will be allocated among the State-level activities described in 20 U.S.C. 1141(e) (1) and (2) to meet State priorities based on input from Local Education Agencies (LEAs).
- Dollar amounts, if any, that will be distributed to LEAs by formula.

Both portions of the application are currently posted on the WDE website at <u>https://edu.wyoming.</u> gov/for-district-leadership/special-programs/fiscal-management/. The WDE will be accepting public comment from March 21, 2022 through April 19, 2022 via **google form**. The state will review and consider all the public comments and make any necessary modifications to the application or policies and procedures, as appropriate. Public comment may also be submitted via mail to the Wyoming Department of Education, 122 W. 25th Street, Suite E200, Cheyenne, WY 82002.

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