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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2022–097

**TO:** School District Superintendents

**FROM:** Trent Carroll, Chief Operations Officer

**DATE:** August 22, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Public Comment for Updates to Chapter 44 – Special Education Component within the Education Resource Block Grant Model

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## CHAPTER 44 PUBLIC COMMENT

The Wyoming Department of Education is promulgating Chapter 44 Rules, and now seeks public comment on the proposed rules.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction is responsible for collecting data and administering Wyoming’s school finance system pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-2-203(a). In accordance with Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-13-309(m)(iv)(E)(II), the Department reimburses districts annually for special education programs and services as provided under the rule-making authority in Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-13-321(d).

Chapter 44 is necessary to establish the requirements for allowable special education expenditures for students with disabilities. Districts report these expenditures and claim reimbursement using the WDE401 Special Education Reimbursement collection. Allowable expenditures are limited to the actual costs of providing education to students with disabilities and the necessary support and services that are required by federal law and included in a child’s Individual Education Program (IEP).

Updates to Chapter 44 are proposed to resolve questions that arose in applying the rules and to further refine descriptions of what district expenses are reimbursable. The rules are necessary to maintain the integrity of the school finance system.

The comment window is open from August 15, 2022 to October 4, 2022.

Submit a public comment, review the Statement of Reasons and the rule changes [here](#) or [here](#). A public hearing will be held from 4:30-6 p.m. on September 28 via Zoom; register for the public hearing [here](#).

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