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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Wanda Maloney, Chief Policy Officer

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SUBJECT: 2023 PAEMST Wyoming State Finalists Announced

2023 PAEMST WYOMING STATE FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) is the highest recognition that a K-12 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM, including Computer Science) teacher can receive in the U.S. This year, Wyoming is honoring two math teachers and two science teachers as the 2023 Wyoming State Finalists for the grades 7-12 cycle.

Congratulations to Math State Finalists:

- Emmy Hergert, Thermopolis Middle School in Thermopolis.
- Rick Simineo, East High School in Cheyenne.

Congratulations to Science State Finalists:

- Charity Penn, Douglas Middle School in Douglas.
- London Jenks, Thermopolis High School in Thermopolis.

Enacted by Congress in 1983, this program authorizes the President to present 108 awards each year. Awards are given to exemplary mathematics and science teachers in each of the 50 states and the four U.S. jurisdictions.

These teachers are recognized for their contribution to excellence in teaching and learning. Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their schools and communities, and leaders in the state and nation. This growing network of award-winning teachers serves as a vital national resource for the improvement of mathematics and science education.

For more information, refer to the [WDE PAEMST website](#) or contact Alicia Wilson, Mathematics/Computer Science Consultant, at 307-777-5036 or Alicia.Wilson@wyo.gov, or Bobbi Eichhorst, Science/CTE Standards Consultant, at 307-777-8753 or Bobbi.Eichhorst@wyo.gov.