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# **WDE SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON PART B APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL SPECIAL ED FUNDS**

*Public comment received from March 31-May 5, 2014*

**CHEYENNE** - Each year the Wyoming Department of Education submits an application for Part B Federal Special Education Funds.

There are two basic components to the application for funds which are posted on the WDE website at: [http://www.edu.wyoming.gov/Programs/special\\_education/2014-part-b-application.aspx](http://www.edu.wyoming.gov/Programs/special_education/2014-part-b-application.aspx).

The Department will be accepting public comment from March 31, 2014 through May 5, 2014. 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 all of the assurances outlined in this section it must provide a date when revisions will be made in order to bring state policies and procedures in line with the federal regulations.

The second component of the application is a spreadsheet that includes a description of:

- How amounts retained under section 20 U.S.C. 1411(e) for state administration and state-level 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. 1411(e)(1) and (2) to meet state priorities based on input from LEAs; and
- Dollar amounts, if any, that will be distributed to LEAs by formula.

Please take time to review the two documents referenced above.

Again, the Department will be accepting public comment from March 31, 2014 through May 5, 2014. The state will review and consider all public comments and make any necessary modifications to the application or policies and procedures, as appropriate.

Public comment may be submitted via email to [barb.yates@wyo.gov](mailto:barb.yates@wyo.gov) or via US Mail to Wyoming Department of Education, Special Programs Division, 320 W Main St, Riverton, WY 82501.