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TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Julie Magee, Division Administrator
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SUBJECT: Fifth Annual Wyoming Native American Education Conference

FIFTH ANNUAL WYOMING NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) invites educators across Wyoming to participate in the Fifth Annual Wyoming Native American Education Conference. The conference will be held Aug. 12 - 13 at Central Wyoming College in Riverton.

The conference is open and relevant to all Wyoming educators. While the goals are specific to Native American students who are served statewide, many of the underlying issues related to all students, such as family involvement, will be discussed. There will be a variety of presentations appropriate and beneficial for school boardmembers, school employees, and parents.

Goals for the conference include:

- Disseminate information related to Native American families and the community to promote understanding, build relationships, and generate ideas on actively engaging families and the community in the education of the whole child;
- Share strategies on how best to meet the instructional and learning needs of Wyoming Native American students;
- Increase awareness of the benefits of the partnerships between tribal and state governments, tribal communities, and schools with a focus on educational issues;
- Share knowledge about effective ways to help students, including students with disabilities, to be successful during the key times of educational transition from Pre-K to K, Elementary

School to Middle School, Middle School to High School and High School to Post Secondary Education.

The conference is a result of the Triad Initiative, a school/community/government partnership designed to improve educational outcomes for Native students on and near the Wind River Indian Reservation. Many innovative projects have been facilitated through this unique partnership. Specific information on the Triad Initiative is available on the Wyoming Department of Education website.

Register online through the Wyoming Department of Education website at <http://edu.wyoming.gov/in-the-classroom/native-american/2014-conference>.

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