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MEMORANDUM NO. 2016-081

TO: School District Superintendents
K-12 School Counselors
K-12 Career Development Facilitators

FROM: Brent Bacon, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: May 23, 2016

SUBJECT: Feedback Requested from School Counselors

FEEDBACK REQUESTED FROM SCHOOL COUNSELORS

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is working to improve communication with counselors, and to provide them with relevant and timely professional development opportunities. WDE Education Consultant Tonya Gerharter is the official liaison for Wyoming school counselors, and is leading these efforts. Counselors are welcome to contact her with any questions, concerns or ideas.

Feedback is crucial for several statewide initiatives that could impact counselors. Please take the time to read and respond to the information presented below.

Project ECHO® for School Counselors

The WDE, the Wyoming Institute of Disabilities, and the UW Counselor Education program are collaborating to offer free ECHO® Professional Development sessions for school counselors. Weekly sessions related to Positive Behavioral Supports, Secondary Transitions, and Educational Leadership are now available to school counselors. If interested, please provide feedback regarding thoughts and suggestions, as well as preferred times. Sessions are held virtually, and can be accessed from your computer. To learn more about Project ECHO®, click [here](#).

To provide feedback, please complete [this brief survey](#).

Wyoming School Counselor Association

The Wyoming School Counselor Association board is requesting feedback from any school counselors who did not attend their annual conference this year. This information will help in the decision making process about future communications and conferences.

To provide feedback, please complete [this brief survey](#).

AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate Program - Accepting Applications

The AmeriCorps VISTA program is recruiting paid Summer Associates for a short-term service opportunity. Selected participants will engage in an intensive 8-10 week summer program alongside year-round AmeriCorps VISTA members. During service, Summer Associates are available to the community on a full-time basis. For example, they may help support school nutrition programs, or help children cultivate school gardens. Please pass this information along to any students who may be interested.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Summer Associates must be at least 18 years of age at the time of placement,
- Must be a U.S. Citizen, National or Legal Resident,
- Must be able to commit and serve on a full-time basis for 8-10 weeks,
- Must not be listed on the National Sex Offenders Public Website

To find the application, please go to [the Vista Campus website](#). Complete the application, then search for VISTA Summer Associate opportunities in Wyoming.

Career Development Facilitator Course: *Navigation Tools for Career Success*

The WDE is offering a full Career Development Facilitator (CDF) course for any school staff, counselors, administrators and teachers whose roles will include coordinating career development and exploration programming in their respective schools. The course provides a complete set of best practices for facilitating career development in multiple settings and for all ages.

The course will be delivered in-person and online. The three day in-person portion of the course will be held in Casper on November 6-8, 2016.

For more information, click [here](#). To enroll in the course, please contact Tonya Gerharter at tonya.gerharter@wyo.gov or 307-777-6808.

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