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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2016-119

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
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Principals

**FROM:** Brent Bacon, Chief Academic Officer

**DATE:** October 10, 2016

**SUBJECT:** 2016-17 National Title I Distinguished Schools Application

## NATIONAL TITLE I DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS AWARD PROGRAM APPLICATION

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is releasing the 2016-17 National Title I Distinguished Schools Program application. The program honors Title I schools across the country for their innovation in helping Title I populations achieve high educational standards. The National Title I Association selects schools from each state that represent examples of superior Title I programs and offer focused and innovative professional development opportunities for staff, show strong community involvement, and achieve high success with individualized student programs.

The WDE will select one qualifying school, if applicable, in each of the following categories:

1. Exceptional student performance for two or more consecutive years; or
2. Closing the achievement gap between student groups.

In order to qualify under the above categories, the school must have:

1. A poverty rate of at least 35% for the selected year;
2. Demonstrated high academic achievement for two or more consecutive years;
3. Met or exceeded Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for at least two consecutive years;
4. Clearly demonstrated that it has met the criteria for the category it is applying for; and

5. Not been recognized as a Distinguished School during the previous two years.

The application and scoring rubric are attached to this memo. The deadline to submit applications is November 8, 2016.

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Attachments:

2016-17 Application

Application Rubric