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To: Governor Matt Mead, Wyoming State Legislature
From: Amy Brockel
Date: September 11, 2013
Re: Wyoming Teacher Shortage Loan Repayment Program (TSLRP)
2012-2012 Annual Report as per Wyoming Statute 21-7-601(n)

OVERVIEW:

Wyoming Statute 21-7-601 created the Wyoming Teacher Shortage Loan Repayment Program (TSLRP) in order to address the state's current and future shortage of qualified teachers in the areas of mathematics, science, special education, and foreign language, as well as those seeking additional endorsements to teach reading and English as a second language. The last two endorsements were added by the Wyoming State Legislature in the 2009 legislative session based on the recommendations of the Professional Teachers Standards Board. Through TSLRP Wyoming residents or graduates of Wyoming high schools who meet the following requirements may be eligible to receive a TSLRP loan to help pay the unmet financial need of attendance in that program:

- Enrolled in good standing, as at least a junior at the University of Wyoming;
- Majoring in a teacher education program or seeking an endorsement leading to certification as a special education, foreign language, mathematics, science, reading or English as a second language teacher, and;
- Willing to repay the loan by working as a certified teacher in Wyoming in one of the six specific areas.

The Teachers Shortage Loan Repayment Program operates under a sunset provision which occurs on June 30, 2016.

SUMMARY:

The program's first year of operation was from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. The students receiving TSLRP loans have a minimum of one and a maximum of three years of study before graduation. Therefore, the program's first full group to graduate was in the Spring of 2007.

The two tables below only report on the sixth year of operation from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Group 7		
Reporting for 2012-2013 Academic Year		
Biennial Legislative Appropriation: \$400,000 (\$380,000 for student loans and \$20,000 for loan servicing fees) \$200,000 per academic year		
Number of Students	Average Award	Total Awarded (2 years of funding)
17 (1 st and 2 nd year students Started Fall 11 & most graduated in Spring 13)	\$7,706	\$131,000

Group 8 Reporting for 2011-2012 Academic Year		
Biennial Legislative Appropriation: \$400,000 (\$380,000 for student loans and \$20,000 for loan servicing fees) \$200,000 per academic year		
Number of Students	Average Award	Total Awarded (1 year of funding)
19 (1 st year students, started Fall 12 and most will graduate Spring 14)	\$5,684 (this is only for 1 year of funding)	\$108,000

OUTCOMES:

TSLRP Students' Area of Study (includes all students June 2005-July 2013)						
	Math	Science	Special Education	Foreign Language	Reading	English as a Second Language
Group 1	12	5	15	-	-	-
Group 2	5	7	12	-	-	-
Group 3	9	7	7	1	-	-
Group 4	4	7	4	4	-	-
Group 5	7	7	7	5	2	1
Group 6	7	8	8	3	2	1
Group 7	6	1	10	0	0	0
Group 8	4	2	10	3	0	0
Total	54	44	73	16	4	2

Source: Align, summary report, 6/30/13

TSLRP STUDENT OUTCOMES		
Paid in Full by Working	65	34%
Currently Employed in Wyoming	19	10%
Graduated and Obtaining Certification	12	6%
Dropped Program and Repaying (repaid) Loan in Cash	62	32%
Defaulted	9	5%
Still in School	26	13%
TOTAL teaching students assisted by TSLRP program	193	100%

Source: Align, summary report, 6/30/13. This table reflects the status of Groups 1 through Group 8.

On the following pages you will find the statutorily required portion of the TSLRP report provided by the Professional Teaching Standards Board.