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To: Governor Dave Freudenthal, Wyoming State Legislature
From: Amy Brockel
Date: 9/26/08
Re: Wyoming Investment in Nursing (WyIN) Program
 2007-2008 Annual Report as per Wyoming Statute 21-7-601(n)

OVERVIEW:

Wyoming statute 9-2-123 created the Wyoming Investment in Nursing (WyIN) program in order to address the state's current and future shortage of qualified nurses. Through the WyIN program, Wyoming residents or graduates of a Wyoming high school who are accepted into a Wyoming licensed practical nurse or registered nursing education program or a baccalaureate degree program in nursing at one of Wyoming's community colleges or the University of Wyoming may be eligible to receive a WyIN loan to help pay the unmet financial need of attendance in the program. Loans are repaid by working as a nurse in Wyoming. This program also provides funding for nursing faculty to pursue masters or doctoral degrees, as well as funding (salary and benefits) for adding nursing teaching positions at community colleges, making it possible for those institutions to educate more nursing students. This programs' first year of operation was July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

SUMMARY: (July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008)

	Number of Students	Average Award per Academic Year	Total Awarded	Legislative Appropriation
Undergraduate Student Loans	196	\$5,203	\$1,019,936*	\$987,500 per year
Graduate Student Loans	6	\$5,892	\$35,352	

*This program had remaining funds from the previous group (same biennium) which explains why the total awarded is larger than the legislative appropriation for the one year period.

	Number Employed	Average Salary & Benefits	Total Awarded	Legislative Appropriation
Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Full time teaching faculty Part time clinical faculty	13 full time 4 part time	\$71,763 \$10,626	\$932,929 \$42,504	\$1,474,000
Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Outreach Coordinator Full time teaching faculty Part time clinical faculty	2 full time coordinators 1 full time faculty 2 part time clinical faculty	\$99,590 \$73,152 \$15,300	\$199,180 \$73,152 \$15,300	\$500,000
			Total Awarded	Total Appropriation
			\$1,263,065	\$1,947,000

OUTCOMES: Outcomes for students reported in the table below include all graduate and undergraduate students that have received a WyIN loan since the inception of the program (July 2003 through June 2008). The information was acquired from Western States Learning Corporation, the contracted loan servicing agency.

Status of All Outstanding Loan Commitments and Repayments under WyIN Program		
Paid In Full by Working As Nurses in Wyoming	63	13%
Employed as Nurses in Wyoming	84	18%
Enrolled in School	120	25%
Repaid Loan in Cash	26	5%
Repaying Loan in Cash	114	24%
Defaulted on WyIN Loan	30	6%
1st attempt at State Board of Nursing Licensure	31	7%
Graduate Students Repaying by Teaching at College or University	4	1%
Hardship or Deferred Loan	4	1%
Total Number of Recipients of WyIN Loans	476	100%

Western States Learning Corporation, summary report, 6/30/08