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To: Complete College Wyoming Workgroup, WCCC Commissioners, University of Wyoming President, WY Community College Presidents, Educational Attainment Executive Council and WICHE Taskforce, and WCCC/WICHE/College/University staff

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Re: Complete College Wyoming integration into Educational Attainment Executive Council

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The work surrounding educational attainment has become a focus across the great State of Wyoming and has been recently adopted as a statewide priority in the ENDOW 20-year strategy plan (August 2018), which identifies educational attainment as a critical building block for the state's economic diversification.

Governor Mead issued two executive orders related to educational attainment in 2018:

1. Set the post-secondary educational attainment goals at 67% by 2025 and 82% by 2040; and
2. Established the Educational Attainment Executive Council (EAEC) charged with developing 5-year and 10-year educational master plans to achieve the attainment goals.

As such, the focus on post-secondary educational attainment achieved through collaboration among K12, community colleges, university, state agencies, and business and industry has given all of us an opportunity to bring together multiple efforts to achieve the common goals.

On December 5, 2018, the WCCC Executive Council consisting of all the community college presidents formally voted to integrate Complete College Wyoming (CCW) into the attainment work rather than as a separate entity. Also in December 2018, a separate recommendation came forward from both the WICHE State Team and the CCW co-chairs to incorporate the work of CCW into the 5-year and 10-year educational master plans of the EAEC and WICHE Attainment Taskforce. As such, there is 100% consensus among those directly working on attainment and completion that the CCW initiative has done the work it was designed to do: serve as the launch pad for the larger attainment goals that are fully embraced statewide and across sectors.

At the end of academic year 2018-2019, the CCW workgroup will be formally disbanded as a separate entity. A CCW sub-committee of the EAEC will still maintain the efforts currently underway and integrate the strategies into the attainment work and plans. The CCW sub-committee will consist of the current CCW co-chairs and others selected by the co-chairs who are knowledgeable on CCW. The sub-committee will also maintain the role of the CCA state

alliance work and obligations. All the relevant CCW information will be maintained at the WCCC and the public information will be maintained on the WCCC attainment website. The CCW website will be taken down upon the successful migration of pertinent information to the WCCC attainment website.

The CCW integration will coincide with the sunset of the WCCC 2010 Strategic Plan and 2014 Strategic Plan 2.0, which integrated CCW to achieve educational attainment through college completion. Upon completion of the 5-year and 10-year educational master plans being developed by the EAEC, the WCCC will begin development of a new statewide system Strategic Plan in 2019-2020 aligned with the new 5-year and 10-year plans.

The February 8, 2019, WCCC regular meeting will have recognition that CCW served successfully as the catalyst to bring our state together behind the critical role educational attainment will have for Wyoming families, communities, and economy. Commissioner Dr. Jackie Freeze will be recognized during the February 8, 2019, WCCC meeting as the key implementer of CCW and the resulting influence that her work has had on Wyoming.