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Dear Susan:

We are delighted to provide this letter in support of the Wyoming Department of Education's Special Program Division's State Personnel Development Grant proposal. The Wyoming Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities has a strong working partnership with WDE, and we are certainly a concerned stakeholder group that represents many varying viewpoints and constituents throughout Wyoming. Through this work, we are challenged with giving advice and guidance to the Wyoming Department of Education regarding the unmet needs of students with disabilities.

We have several identified Panel priorities that include: improving educational outcomes and access for our students with disabilities; decreasing drop-out rates and post-secondary success; providing accessible information to parents and working closely with Wyoming's general educators to provide inclusive and enriching classrooms for *all* students. Our priorities align with the identified goals of Project WIN (Wyoming Instructional Network).

As a panel, we look forward to the continued development and dissemination of information and resources in a variety of formats for parents, partners, and educational agencies that will result in increased knowledge and skills that this grant will provide. We fully support this Wyoming Department of Education, Special Programs Division endeavor and look forward to offering our support and guidance regarding Project WIN for years to come.

On behalf of WAPSD,

Julie Heil
WAPSD Chairperson