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Honorable Tim Salazar
Honorable John Bear
200 West 24th Street, Capitol Building, E201
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Re: Elected Official Letter - State Superintendent budget authority request

Dear Co-Chairs Salazar and Bear,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the status of funding for the Steamboat Legacy Scholarship Act program created in 2025 HEA 0052 and to request additional budget authority.

During preparation of the 2027-28 Biennium budget request, I intended for $60M to be included in the Department of Education Agency 206 standard budget for the Wyoming Education Savings Account. However, it is the opinion of the Governor's Office and Budget Office that such inclusion was not necessary because the initial $30M is still available to spend should the injunction get lifted.

In order to ensure that I have the authority to fund the program after June 30, 2026, should the litigation go in our favor, I am hereby requesting $30M in General Fund budget authority for the 2027-28 biennium. The WDE will request additional funds in the 2027 supplemental budget if necessary.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Megan Degenfelder (Oct 8, 2025 09:56:28 MDT)
Megan Degenfelder
Wyoming State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Cc: Don Richards, Kevin Hibbard

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