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TO: Select Committee on Tribal Relations
FROM: Wanda Maloney, Chief Policy Officer
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SUBJECT: Student Absenteeism and Expulsion Data Request

The Wyoming Department of Education received a request from LSO to provide information to this committee on absenteeism, expulsion data, graduation rates, NAEP and WYTOPP scores for students attending reservation and surrounding districts. NAEP scores are only available at a state level, not at a district level. Data on graduation rates and WY-TOPP scores, as well as school accountability and performance scores were previously provided to the LSO upon a request. Data can be found in the [Research Memorandum 23RMOO4 Fremont County Schools Districts Enrollment and Performance Data, 2017 to present](#). The remaining absenteeism and expulsion data is below.

Absenteeism Data

Absenteeism is calculated at the district level in Wyoming through the district attendance rate. The district attendance rates for Wind River Reservation districts and surrounding districts is seen in Tables 1 and 2 below. The attendance rate is calculated by taking the average daily attendance and dividing it by the average daily membership. Average daily attendance is calculated by dividing the number of days a student attended by the total number of days the student was enrolled. Average daily membership is calculated by dividing the number of days a student was present and absent by the total number of days in a school year.

Attendance rates for grades K-8 remain fairly constant at the state level, with the exception of the decrease in attendance during the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years due to the COVID-19 situation. The Wind River Reservation school districts comprised of Fremont #14, #21, and #38 implemented a stay at home order in April 2020, which remained in place through 2022.

Table 1. Grades K-8 Attendance Rate

Grades KG to 8: Attendance Rate									
School Year	Fremont #14	Fremont #21	Fremont #38	Fremont #1	Fremont #2	Fremont #24	Fremont #25	Fremont #6	State
Attendance Rate									
2017-18	83.9%	88.7%	88.2%	93.2%	91.8%	93.5%	92.0%	92.9%	94.1%
2018-19	89.0%	88.1%	88.5%	92.3%	92.2%	93.4%	91.7%	93.0%	94.0%
2019-20	91.9%	90.7%	91.5%	94.0%	94.9%	94.7%	93.3%	94.6%	95.5%
2020-21	71.0%	98.2%	59.2%	91.1%	92.4%	91.9%	88.4%	90.3%	93.6%
2021-22	80.6%	96.5%	80.3%	89.8%	91.0%	90.8%	87.6%	89.3%	91.9%

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Table 2. Grades 9-12 Attendance Rate

Grades 9 to 12: Attendance Rate									
School Year	Fremont #14	Fremont #21	Fremont #38	Fremont #1	Fremont #2	Fremont #24	Fremont #25	Fremont #6	State
Attendance Rate									
2017-18	84.1%	77.2%	69.2%	89.2%	89.7%	90.3%	83.8%	91.6%	91.0%
2018-19	80.0%	73.8%	75.6%	87.3%	88.6%	89.7%	84.6%	89.3%	90.8%
2019-20	85.9%	83.7%	75.9%	89.2%	93.8%	92.7%	86.4%	91.0%	92.7%
2020-21	56.4%	55.3%	80.9%	83.6%	90.9%	88.4%	80.7%	84.7%	90.0%
2021-22	71.5%	71.7%	62.1%	82.9%	91.3%	87.4%	80.8%	87.4%	87.8%

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Expulsion Data

The Wyoming Department of Education collects student expulsion information at an aggregate district level. This data satisfies the federal requirements for reporting incidents of crime and violence as well as data required under the Safe and Gun Free Schools Act. All data collected is self reported from school districts and may vary depending on district policies aligned to expulsion. In addition, the size and variance in school district enrollment impacts overall expulsion rates. See Table 3.

Table 3. Expulsion rate for all grades 2017-18 through 2021-22.

All Grades: Expulsion Rate									
School Year	Fremont #14	Fremont #21	Fremont #38	Fremont #1	Fremont #2	Fremont #24	Fremont #25	Fremont #6	State
Expulsion Rate									
2017-18	0.00%	0.40%	0.00%	0.06%	1.32%	0.00%	0.16%	0.24%	0.12%
2018-19	0.16%	0.61%	1.30%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.25%	0.00%	0.13%
2019-20	0.15%	0.00%	0.25%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.37%	0.00%	0.10%
2020-21	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.06%	0.00%	0.00%	0.09%	0.00%	0.12%
2021-22	0.17%	0.74%	0.25%	1.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0.25%	0.00%	0.17%
October 1st Enrollment									
2017-18	621	505	444	1787	151	389	2454	413	92976
2018-19	638	494	461	1812	146	377	2424	406	93029
2019-20	646	457	407	1842	150	377	2457	382	93832
2020-21	634	450	431	1705	153	370	2291	378	91938
2021-22	602	405	395	1745	169	381	2394	391	91992

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