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Dear Ms. Meier:

Wyoming's approved State Highly Qualified Teacher Plan includes the requirement that LEAs set aside 2% of their Title II-A grant award each year to assist teachers with becoming highly qualified if not all teachers in the LEA were highly qualified during the previous year. The LEAs in the State are making good progress toward 100% highly qualified teachers (HQT), improving the rate by over two points from the 2007-2008 school year to the 2008-2009 school year. The State HQT rate for 2008-2009 was 97.3%.

Analysis of the HQT data determining the improved HQT rate indicates that a reduced funding rate will adequately support the required activities for teachers to become highly qualified. Wyoming is requesting U.S. Department of Education approval of its intent to amend its Highly Qualified Teacher Plan to require a 1% set aside beginning with the July 2010 award. Each LEA whose teachers are not all highly qualified will be required to set aside 1% of its Title II-A award to assist teachers with becoming highly qualified.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carol Illian
Title II-A Program Manager