

**MEMORANDUM NO. 2003-056**

TO: School District Superintendents  
FROM: Steven King, Data Management Supervisor  
DATE: May 2, 2003  
RE: School Interoperability Framework (SIF) Design Team

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**Information Only**

We are excited to inform you that members have been selected for the Statewide Data System Design Team. The design team will oversee an implementation study for a state-wide education data system. The data system will be built on the Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF). The design team will develop an RFP and select a contractor to actually do the study. We will also be conducting one or two pilot demonstration projects. The design team is required to present the final implementation plan to the JEIC in December.

The SIF Design Team members are:

**Legislators**

Senator Kathryn Sessions  
Representative Del McOmie

**Data Experts**

Judy Barnett - Senior Systems Analyst, Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit, Lewisburg, PA  
John Metcalfe - Asst. Superintendent, Fremont County SD #1

**Superintendent**

Dr. Craig Beck - Fremont County SD #25

**Technology Directors**

Jim Rogers - Sweetwater County SD #2  
Mike Reed - Park County SD #1

SIF is a system that allows software programs from different vendors to automatically, transparently, and securely share data. For example, a district likely has separate software programs for their library, school lunch and general student information systems (SIS). These systems have common data (e.g. student names and IDs) that should be the same in each program. With SIF, the SIS automatically updates the library and school lunch systems when new students enroll. Additionally, SIF will allow schools and districts to easily and consistently report data to WDE.

The SIF system has been established in non-Wyoming districts and some other states. We are excited to build from others' efforts to bring a system to Wyoming that will greatly reduce reporting burden for districts and ultimately make data available sooner for stakeholders.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [sking@educ.state.wy.us](mailto:sking@educ.state.wy.us) or (307) 777-6245.

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