
MEMORANDUM No. 2013-029

TO: District Superintendents
FROM: Deb Lindsey, Director of Assessment
DATE: March 3, 2014
SUBJECT: School Performance Report Presentations

TUTORIALS ON SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORTS AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR EDUCATORS AND THE PUBLIC

Presentation available via Blackboard or online

CHEYENNE - Thanks to a prioritized effort and a willingness to brave Wyoming's winter roads, Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) staff have delivered a number of presentations this winter to educators and the public explaining School Performance Reports (SPR), a key component to the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act (WAEA).

While WDE staff will still be available to offer on-site presentations for district staff, WDE has made two SPR presentations available online and on-demand. For educators who are used to working with the WDE's online meeting room, Blackboard Collaborate, a presentation is available through [this link](#).

A similar presentation is also available on the WDE's youtube channel at [this link](#).

“These sessions provide an opportunity for people to learn more about the new school rating system and to ask questions about the indicators used,” said Lindsey. “As people gain knowledge about the reports, they can share with others in their community and use the information to help guide school improvement efforts.”

Leading the presentations is WDE Director of Assessment Deb Lindsey, and Data Governance

Coordinator Leslie Zimmerschied. In the video, Lindsey and Zimmerschied present an overview of the indicators in the reports, tips on how to interpret the reports, and more detailed explanation of the new growth indicator.

There are essentially four indicators which are measured and reported in the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act's (WAEA) school performance ratings model. For grades 3-8 the indicators are: achievement, equity and growth and a required participation rate. The data summarized in the new School Performance Reports places schools into one of four categories: Exceeding Standards, Meeting Standards, Partially Meeting Standards, and Not Meeting Standards. For high schools, the indicators are achievement, equity, readiness and the required participation rate.

The WDE is also willing to present to any other communities or districts interested in learning more about the School Performance Reports. The agency plans two similar presentations for the School Improvement Conference this week.

For more information on School Performance Ratings and the upcoming presentations, contact Tom Lacock at 307-777-5399 or tom.lacock@wyo.gov.