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Tony Alpert, Executive Director
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Dear Director Alpert:

As Superintendent of Public Instruction for Wyoming, I am writing to inform you of our decision to no longer participate as an Affiliate member of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). Wyoming is currently moving forward with the development of an RFP for a newly created statewide assessment system that will be implemented in the 2017-2018 school year. This decision comes as our state prepares to enter into this procurement process. Removing ourselves as an Affiliate member will eliminate the appearance of any conflict as we review vendors' responses to the upcoming RFP.

Wyoming has benefitted greatly from a strong set of recommendations developed by a Wyoming assessment task force, and we believe we are in a position to build an assessment system that closely follows these recommendations. We thank you for the opportunity to participate in the work of SBAC over the years and look forward to receiving proposals from many vendors across the country, including some who may propose an assessment based in the SBAC model.

Sincerely,

Jillian Balow

Wyoming State Superintendent of Public Instruction