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WDE releases Phase II of Assessment Resource Tool

CHEYENNE – The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) will host a demonstration to the media of its Assessment Resource Tool (ART) at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 14 in the Westwood Room of the Natrona County School District’s Central Services building.

The ART is a statewide data analysis tool for the Wyoming educational community. It translates data, already compiled by the WDE into data tables, snapshots of education data by state, district, school, grade level and even individual student in a longitudinal way (year-over-year).

ART’s uses include allowing administrators to compare assessment results with surrounding districts; helping teachers make curriculum decisions based on previous year’s PAWS scores or even to allow parents in larger communities to choose a school based on a school’s previous assessment performance.

Since the program is owned by the WDE, school districts around the state are able to use the program free of cost.

Phase II of the ART program will be released in the months of March and April and will allow for additional reporting capacity in the areas of Annual Yearly Progress, Proficiency Assessment of Wyoming Students (PAWS), as well as a research data mart and standards center.

Phase III of the program is scheduled for release in Dec. 2012 and will include longitudinal student profiles (progress over time), At-Risk Model and additional assessments for upload function.

“We collect high amounts of data at the district and state level,” said the Wyoming Department of Education’s Cassie Lallak. “The ART system takes data and translates it into useable, actionable data for parents, teachers and administrators.”

For more information on the ART program please visit us online at edu.wyo.gov, or call Cassie Lallak at 307-777-7675.

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