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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2007 - 122

**TO:** School District Superintendents

**FROM:** Laurel Ballard, Supervisor for Accountability Standards, Assessment and Accountability Unit *LB*

**DATE:** July 6, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Access to AYP, PAWS, and PAWS-ALT Data

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### **IMPORTANT AND TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION**

In response to requests by districts for more time to review data related to the AYP determinations, the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is putting AYP Summary Data and individual student level PAWS and PAWS-ALT data online for districts to access. Three different sets of data will be available for districts.

**It is of the utmost importance for districts to review the demographic, participation and performance data to ensure the WDE is making accurate AYP determinations!**

- 1) On **July 9, 2007**, the student level **PAWS data** will be available. This includes:
  - Student Demographic Data
  - PAWS Student Level Participation Data
  - PAWS Student Level Performance Data

The performance data for PAWS includes raw scores and scale scores for Mathematics, Reading, and Writing. Performance levels are included for Mathematics, Reading, Writing, and Language Arts. All performance measures use the scores from the winter and spring PAWS administrations that provided each student with the highest possible scores.

- 2) On **July 9, 2007**, the student level **PAWS-ALT data** will be available. This data includes:
  - Student Demographic Data
  - PAWS-ALT Student Level Participation Data
  - PAWS-ALT Student Level Performance Data

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The performance data includes all data related to student performance on the PAWS-ALT including raw scores, performance levels, and item level responses for each content area and component.

- 3) On **July 16, 2007**, the **AYP Summary Data** will be available to districts. These files will contain district and school information on:
- o Participation rate calculations and determinations for each subgroup in both Mathematics and Language Arts
  - o AYP Performance calculations and determinations for each subgroup in both Mathematics and Language Arts
  - o Safe Harbor calculations and determinations
  - o Additional Indicator calculations for grades 3-8
  - o Graduation Rate calculations and determinations

**It is very important for districts to review all of the student level data as well as the AYP Summary Data to ensure AYP determinations are accurate.**

#### How to Access Data

The student level PAWS, student level PAWS-ALT and AYP Summary Data will be available on the WDE website for districts to access:

[https://wdesecure.k12.wy.us/pls/portal/ASSESSMENT.AYP\\_HOME.show](https://wdesecure.k12.wy.us/pls/portal/ASSESSMENT.AYP_HOME.show).

A user name and password is required to access these reports. Please work with the person in your district that is responsible for assigning WDE user rights on the WDE690 (User Login and Security Rights web form) to set up rights for the individuals in your district that will need access to these reports. Rights will need to be assigned using WDEAYP as the form number.

If you have any questions regarding the WDE690 and user rights, please contact Kelly Breeden at 307-777-8751 ([kbreed@educ.state.wy.us](mailto:kbreed@educ.state.wy.us)).

#### Data Corrections

If potential errors are found in **Demographic Data** (ex: a student is enrolled in the wrong grade, the IEP flag is incorrect, etc.), export a copy of the report to Excel (link provided on web page) and provide the spreadsheet to your district's WDE684 (Teacher/Course/Student Collection) contact along with the potential errors for them to verify against the March 26<sup>th</sup> snapshot WDE684 submission and determine where corrections are warranted. The WDE684 contact then needs to create a pared down Excel spreadsheet containing only records that have been changed and with all columns containing PAWS performance data removed, and email it to Kelly Breeden ([kbreed@educ.state.wy.us](mailto:kbreed@educ.state.wy.us)). **NOTE:** Student demographic data for AYP purposes must reflect each student's status on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007.  
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If concerns about the **PAWS, PAWS-ALT, or AYP Summary Data** arise, please contact Laurel Ballard at 307-777-7016 or [lballa@educ.state.wy.us](mailto:lballa@educ.state.wy.us).

Other PAWS and PAWS-ALT Reports

PAWS and PAWS-ALT data and reports will also be provided by Harcourt. The dates for these reports are:

- o Online Reports through Unison – **Currently Available**
- o District, School, Class, and Student Reports through Harcourt File Center – **August 10, 2007**
- o Student and Home Paper Reports delivered to districts – **August 17, 2007**

For questions about PAWS data, PAWS-ALT data, AYP, or any related information, please contact Laurel Ballard at 307-777-7016 or [lballa@educ.state.wy.us](mailto:lballa@educ.state.wy.us).

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