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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2007 - 132

**TO:** School District Superintendents

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**DATE:** August 1, 2007

**SUBJECT:** PAWS and AYP Public Release Dates and Access to School and District PAWS Results

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

#### **PAWS and AYP Public Release Dates**

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) will be releasing PAWS and AYP results to the public in August. Important dates and information:

**August 6, 2007:** Public release of Final AYP results and State Level PAWS and PAWS-ALT Results

**August 6, 2007:** Press conference will be held at 2:00 pm in Room 281 in the Cheyenne WDE office

**August 15, 2007:** Public release of District and School Level PAWS results

All of these results will be found on the WDE website at <http://www.k12.wy.us>.

#### **Access to District and School Level PAWS Results**

In an effort to assist and support schools and districts in reviewing their PAWS results, the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is now able to provide districts with PAWS summary data at the district and school levels.

On **August 1, 2007**, the district and school level summary PAWS data will be available for districts to access. This includes:

- ❖ PAWS School and District Level Participation Data
  - Mathematics, Reading, and Writing
  - Grades 3–8 and 11
  - All subgroups
  - Number of exempt students
  - Number of tested students
  - Number of non-tested students
  - Participation rate
  
- ❖ PAWS School and District Level Performance Data
  - Mathematics, Reading, and Writing
  - Grades 3-8 and 11
  - All subgroups
  - Number and percentage of students at each performance level (Below Basic, Basic, Proficient, and Advanced)

Ninth and tenth grade results have not been included in these summaries since there are a number of students who have only taken one subtest in a content area.

On August 15, 2007, districts will also be able to access (see how to access below) a public release version of the district and school level results to assist the districts with any public announcements they may wish to make.

#### How to Access Data

The District and School level PAWS results 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 who 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 or [kbreed@educ.state.wy.us](mailto:kbreed@educ.state.wy.us).

PAWS-ALT data has previously been released at the student level and can be found at the same website as the district and school level PAWS results (shown above).

**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:

- **Currently Available:** Online Reports through Unison. The results in Unison will only be available for districts to access through September 30, 2007.
- **August 17, 2007:** District, School, Class, and Student Reports through Harcourt File Center
- **August 24, 2007:** Student and Home Paper Reports delivered to districts

Please note there may be some minor differences in the district and school level data provided by the WDE and Harcourt. During the AYP appeals period, districts have been working with the WDE to ensure all of the student level data is accurate. These changes appear in the data being released to districts on August 1, 2007. The reports from Harcourt will contain only those data updates occurring before June 18, 2007.

The comprehensive PAWS score, which includes banked scores and skill level information, are now also available in INFORM. The most recent student demographic updates the WDE has been receiving from districts will also be provided to INFORM, which is accessed through WEdGate at <http://wyoming.edgate.org>. The PAWS data in INFORM still has the teacher-students associations from the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

If you have any questions or concerns related to the PAWS results or AYP results, please contact Laurel Ballard at 307-777-7016 or [lballa@educ.state.wy](mailto:lballa@educ.state.wy).

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