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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2009-076

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
Curriculum Coordinators  
Elementary Principals

**FROM:** Lynda Collins, Early Learning Supervisor *LC*  
Educational Quality and Accountability

**DATE:** May 8, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Upcoming Summer Literacy Trainings

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### 2009 SUMMER LITERACY TRAINING EVENTS – TIME SENSITIVE

The Wyoming Department of Education will be sponsoring literacy trainings to assist districts in developing and strengthening schoolwide literacy models. There is no charge for any of the trainings and materials will be provided. Districts will be responsible for travel, lodging, and meal costs. For each event, a block of rooms has been set aside at the training site.

Please register prior to June 1, 2009, on the Zoomerang sites listed below.

DIBELS Basic Training June 22-23, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and June 24, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. until noon at the Hilton Garden Inn in Casper (307-266-1300). Participants will learn how to administer and score all of the DIBELS measures, identify and interpret basic DIBELS graphs, and understand progress monitoring and how to use DIBELS to track student progress. Register at: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB2294SSX7LAF>.

DIBELS Advanced Training June 24, 2009, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and June 25-26, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Casper (307-266-1300). This is an advanced training for individuals or teams who have completed DIBELS Basic Training and have been using DIBELS for at least one year. Participants are requested to bring their DIBELS data to the training. Participants will learn to interpret all DIBELS graphs, design interventions based on student data, understand alterable variables of instruction, and establish tiers of instruction. Register at: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB2295L8YP5B3>.

Schoolwide Literacy: Instruction and Assessment Planning will be held August 11, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Riverton, Wyoming (307-856-8100). This training will assist elementary schools in developing, documenting, and implementing literacy

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instructional and assessment plans as well as individual reading plans (IRPs). The documentation guidance in this training will align with requirements of the WDE-626 early literacy longitudinal data collection. The training is recommended for school teams of district and building literacy leaders, coaches, and teachers. NOTE: All districts will be asked to submit updated early literacy plans by October 15, 2009. This training will provide the opportunity for school teams to develop or update those plans prior to the beginning of the school year. Register at: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB2295LKXPBZC>.

Additional information and requirements will be sent to all districts prior to May 22, 2009, regarding the updated early literacy plans that will be due October 15, 2009, to the Wyoming Department of Education.

Comprehensive Core Reading Program-Specific Training will be held August 3-5, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Laramie (307-745-5500). The trainers for this session have expert knowledge in a variety of scientifically-based reading research core reading programs. Participants will learn how to efficiently plan for and deliver effective reading instruction using their core program and scientifically-based reading instruction strategies. Districts may send school teams of leaders, teachers, and para-educators who are currently implementing or planning the implementation of a core reading program. Register at: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB2295LJSPBAS>.

Advanced Training for Instructional Coaches will be held July 27-28, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Little America in Cheyenne (307-775-8400). This training event is for instructional coaches or facilitators at any grade level. The training will focus on the following areas as they relate to instructional coaching: managing school-wide change, strengthening communication, facilitating meetings, professional development, and refining the role of the instructional coach. Register at: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB2295LBCP6RG>. Remember: Please register prior to June 1, 2009, on the listed Zoomerang sites.

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