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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2009-127

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
School Principals  
Curriculum Coordinators  
Instructional Facilitators

**FROM:** Jillian Balow, Early Learning Consultant  
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**DATE:** September 4, 2009

**SUBJECT:** K-12 Literacy Training with Dr. Kevin Feldman

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### **TRAINING EVENTS: LITERACY AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

The Wyoming Department of Education will be sponsoring several literacy trainings with Dr. Kevin Feldman. Dr. Feldman is the Director of Reading and Intervention for the Sonoma County Office of Education, California. His major contributions are in the areas of building academic vocabulary, student engagement, differentiating instruction to meet the needs of all readers, linking assessment to instruction, and developing comprehensive literacy programs in grades K-12. Details for each training and intended audiences are:

- I. **Academic Language and Student Engagement Grades K-6** will be presented as a 2-hour breakout session during the 2009 Fall School Improvement Conference on September 29, 2009, in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The focus for this session is on improving academic instruction in the elementary school through active student engagement and proficiency with academic language and vocabulary. Attendance in school teams is encouraged, but not required. Participants must be registered for the 2009 Fall School Improvement Conference at-large. No other registration is required for this event.
- II. **Academic Language and Student Engagement Grades 6-12** will be presented as a 2-hour breakout session during the 2009 Fall School Improvement Conference on September 29, 2009, in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The focus for this session is on

improving academic instruction in the secondary school through active student engagement and proficiency with academic language and vocabulary. Dr. Feldman will guide participants in examining and using research-tested tools that can be effectively incorporated across the content areas. Attendance in school teams is encouraged, but not required. Participants must be registered for the 2009 Fall School Improvement Conference at-large. No other registration is required for this event.

- III. **Accelerating Academic Literacy for ALL Students** will be held September 30, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Little America Conference Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming (800)445-6945. Increasing reading proficiency requires improved instruction, student engagement, and mutual accountability. Dr. Feldman will work with participants in the area of building school and district-wide academic literacy as a cornerstone to effective school reform. The training is relevant for K-12 school teams or individuals including administrators, instructional coaches, and key teachers. There is no cost for this training; however, districts are responsible for travel, lodging, and meal expenses. A block of rooms has been set aside for this event. Register by September 23, 2009, at: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/survey-intro.zgi?p=WEB229E9UEYM8F>
- IV. **Mutual Accountability Structures to Ensure Reading Achievement for ALL Students** will be held November 2, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-McMurry Park in Casper, Wyoming (307)577-5000. This training is for school teams of administrators, instructional coaches, and key teachers who are interested in narrowing the gap for struggling readers through creating and sustaining understanding and accountability. Dr. Feldman will provide research-based strategies and implementation techniques that can be used across grade levels and content areas. There is no cost for this training; however, districts are responsible for travel, lodging, and meal expenses. A block of rooms has been set aside for this event. Register by October 15, 2009, at: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/survey-intro.zgi?p=WEB229E9UEYM8F>

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