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TO: School District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: NCTE National Day on Writing

INFORMATION TO SHARE

The Wyoming Department of Education would like to take this opportunity to provide information about an exciting event taking place this October in schools across the country. The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) has established October 20, 2009 as National Day on Writing. The NCTE is encouraging participation from students, teachers, parents, and community members to recognize the importance of writing in our lives and to support all forms of 21st century literacies.

The NCTE has created a National Gallery of Writing online at <http://www.galleryofwriting.org/>. Writers of every age are encouraged to submit one piece of writing to the Gallery. Types of writing include (but are not limited to) short stories, poetry, “how-to” directions, blog posts, electronic presentations, documentary clips, and memos. Submissions are already being accepted and on October 20, 2009, the Gallery will be unveiled for all readers to enjoy.

Please take a moment to read the attached flier which provides additional information on the National Day on Writing and the National Gallery of Writing. The NCTE website also provides valuable information about the event and ideas to help you celebrate in your school and community at www.ncte.org.

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Attachment

The National Day on Writing

The National Gallery of Writing



October 20, 2009

The National Council of Teachers of English invites you to explore and celebrate the integral role writing has in each of our lives by participating in the National Day on Writing/National Gallery of Writing.

WHO?

Everyone! We encourage everyone to submit a piece of writing: students, teachers, parents, grandparents, service and industrial workers, managers, business owners, legislators, retirees, and many more.

WHAT?

A **National Day on Writing—October 20, 2009** and a **National Gallery of Writing** where you can contribute any type of writing composition that matters to you.

WHEN?

October 20, 2009 is the big day, but don't let that stop you from participating **NOW**. The National Gallery of Writing is open for submissions and Local Partner Galleries are being formed in anticipation of the big day.

HOW?

Help us put writing front and center by:

- **Starting a Local Gallery:** Curators wanted. You can start a local gallery for your classroom, your town, or your civic group. Once your gallery is established, you can solicit writing on any topic or theme you'd like—the possibilities are endless!
- **Contributing Your Writing:** Writers come from all walks of life, and everyone has something important to share.

Upload your writing—whether it's a story, a video montage, an audio file, or a photo—to the gallery of your choice.

- **Celebrating Writing Nationwide:** Join us—and thousands of other Americans—as we declare October 20, 2009 the National Day on Writing. Events are being planned nationwide on this day. For more information on how you can help celebrate, visit www.ncte.org/dayonwriting.

GET STARTED TODAY at www.ncte.org/dayonwriting