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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2010-023

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
District Curriculum Coordinators  
Bridges Grant Coordinators

**FROM:** Laurel Ballard, Ph.D., Supervisor for Accountability,  
Educational Quality and Accountability Unit *LB*

**DATE:** February 5, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Wyoming Bridges Workshop

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### TIME SENSITIVE

Through the Wyoming Bridges Summer School and Extended Day grant, the Wyoming Department of Education will sponsor a one-day workshop to be held February 11, 2010, in Casper at the University of Wyoming Outreach Center, 951 N. Poplar. Summer school and extended day administrators and teachers are encouraged to attend.

**NOTE:** Bridges grant administrators within your district have already received a notice of this workshop and an agenda. This workshop will satisfy the Wyoming Bridges grant's annual training requirement. A workshop agenda is attached to this email.

The workshop is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and should end by 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The workshop is intended to bring teachers and administrators up to date on issues surrounding the grant and is meant to provide a forum for people to ask questions and gain insight into what districts across the state are doing to make summer school and extended day programs successful. Participants will also be presented with information on the Department's pilot analysis assessing the effectiveness of summer school programs utilizing MAP student growth data and discuss future expectations of the inclusion of all Bridges districts in MAP data analysis. At the end of the day we will discuss proposed changes to rules, the application process, reimbursement, and end-of-program reporting.

Interested parties should register for the conference through Zoomerang at <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB22A5DKC49V9> Registration will be limited to the first 65 enrollees due to facility limitations.

Please contact Ruth Sommers for more information at: [somm8@bresnan.net](mailto:somm8@bresnan.net) or 307-632-0157.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there!

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Attachment

**Agenda**  
**Wyoming Bridges Grant Workshop**  
**UW Outreach Center, 951 N. Poplar, Casper, Wyoming**  
**February 11, 2010**

9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Welcome

Laurel Ballard & Ruth Sommers

9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Pilot Project on Summer School Effectiveness

Mike Flicek

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

**Break**

10:15 - 10:50 a.m.

Carousel Session

11:00 a.m. - 11:35 p.m.

Carousel Session

11:45 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Lunch**

12:30 p.m. - 1:05 p.m.  
Carousel Session

1:15 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.  
Carousel Session

2:00 p.m. - 2:35 p.m.  
Carousel Session

2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. (Flexible end time)  
Open Mic - Ask colleagues questions - What works?  
What doesn't?

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**Break**

3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Program updates:  
Rules Changes  
MAP Data Exchange Requirements

Housekeeping - workshop evaluation

## Carousel Sessions

**Feed Them and They Will Come!** - Amanda Anderson and Tamra Jackson, WDE:

How districts can provide nutritious meals and snacks to students (& maybe others as well) during summer, either through the Federal Summer Food Program, or continuation of your school-year program into summer.

**Natrona's Winter Bridges** - Judi Christensen and Shawna Trujillo, Natrona County School District #1:

Don't let students languish until summer to recover first semester credits! Make learning available during that long Christmas break.

**Afterschool Opportunities** - Linda Barton, Wyoming Afterschool Alliance:

What are the components of an effective extended day learning program? How can multiple programs be melded with Bridges extended day grant requirements? What is the After School alliance and how can it help districts provide opportunities for students?

**Using MAP Data to Drive Instruction** - Rose Vowles, Julia Willoughby, Fremont County School District #1:

Now that we're getting all this data on students, how can it be used to improve student success? Learn how to use MAP data to improve student performance by involving students in their own learning and goal-setting.

**One Summer/One Subject** - Irene Story and Summer Academy Principals, Laramie County School District #1:

Arising from a strong PLC process, the district this year explored immersing students in a single subject during their Summer Academies, providing around 90 hours of instruction in a single subject. Why and how did they do that? When will we know the effect of this approach?

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