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TO: School District Superintendents
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Principals

FROM: Charlene Turner, Director of Alternate Assessment
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DATE: February 5, 2010

SUBJECT: Systematic Instruction to Access the General Curriculum for
Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities

IMPORTANT – TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION

The Wyoming Department of Education in partnership with Associate Researchers Bree Jimenez and Pam Mims of the University of North Carolina, Charlotte are pleased to present a professional development training opportunity for educators who provide instruction and services to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.

This training is designed to provide Wyoming educators information on the use of evidence-based practices around systematic and explicit instruction. The effective use of these practices will promote the acquisition of academic skills and knowledge to access the general curriculum by students with significant cognitive disabilities.

The training is being offered on Monday and Tuesday, March 29 – 30, 2010, in Casper, Wyoming. Please refer to the attached Notice of Training for details regarding the training, registering, and logistics. **Attendance is limited to 150 educators** as recommended by the presenters to ensure a quality training experience. Registration is being offered through *Zoomerang* and will close after 150 educators register. If you are not able to register, please contact Tracy Stibitz (tstibi@educ.state.wy.us) who will place your name on a waiting list.

Please contact Charlene Turner at cturne@educ.state.wy.us or (307) 777-7322 if you have questions.

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Attachment

The Wyoming Department of Education presents:
**The Use of Systematic Instruction to Achieve Access to the
General Curriculum for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities**

This professional development opportunity is designed to provide training to Wyoming educators on the use of evidence-based practices around systematic and explicit instruction to promote the acquisition of academic skills and knowledge to access the general curriculum by students with significant cognitive disabilities.

Purposes of Training

- ◆ Increase understanding of the efficacy of academic instruction for students with significant cognitive disabilities;
 - ◆ Gain knowledge of evidenced-based practices to increase student achievement;
 - ◆ Practice introduced techniques;
 - ◆ Provide the opportunity to collaborate with your colleagues from around the state regarding instructional practices.
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Training Details

Who: Special Education Teachers of students with the most significant cognitive disabilities or other certified personnel who will be directly responsible for providing academic instruction to students with significant cognitive disabilities.

When: **Monday, March 29th 8:30 – 4:30** **Lunch:** On your own both days
Tuesday March 30th 8:30 – 3:00

Where: Hilton Garden Inn, Casper WY*. The training is being held at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Hotel Reservations:

A block of rooms is being held at each of the following locations for Sunday, March 28th and Monday, March 29th. Call and mention the Wyoming Department of Education Training to obtain the state rate.

HOTEL				RATE
La Quinta Inn & Suites	400 W. F Street	Casper, WY	1-307-265-1200	\$65 per night
Hampton Inn	1100 N. Poplar Road	Casper, WY	1-307-235-6668	\$79 per night
Hilton Garden Inn *	1150 N. Poplar Road	Casper, WY	1-307-266-1300	\$95 per night

Registration: To register, complete the registration process no later than Monday, March 15, 2010 by visiting:
<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB22A6YEH3BCS>

PTSB credit will be provided for this training. The registration will close after 150 persons have registered.

If you find that the registration has closed and you would like to have your name placed on a waiting list to attend the training or if you have questions, please contact Tracy Stibitz at ststibi@educ.state.wy.us or (307) 777-7963.

*We look forward to working with you to build on your effective teaching skills
to increase student achievement.*

