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### MEMORANDUM NO. 2010-044

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
School District Principals  
School District Human Resource Providers

**FROM:** Janine Cole, Supervisor  
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**DATE:** March 5, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Educational Sign Language Interpreter Permit

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### EDUCATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER (ESLI)

*Please share this information with all teachers of the deaf and interpreters*

Effective June 11, 2011, all Sign Language Interpreters shall hold a permit to function in a public school as an Educational Sign Language Interpreter. An Applicant shall meet the requirements listed below.

#### Requirements

- A) Submit an Institutional Recommendation from an accredited institution of higher learning; **OR**
- B) Document national certification; **OR**
- C) Obtain a score of 3.5 or greater on the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) in one of the following areas of sign language: American Sign Language (ASL), Manually-Coded English (MCE), or Pidgin Sign Language (PSE); **OR**
- D) Document successful, full-time experience as an interpreter in a public school setting three (3) out of the last six (6) years **AND**
- E) Obtain a score of 3.2 or greater on the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) in one of the following areas of sign language: American Sign Language (ASL), Manually-Coded English (MCE), or Pidgin Sign Language (PSE).

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To renew a **permit** issued under this requirement, the applicant shall obtain a score of 3.5 or greater on the EIPA in addition to all other standard renewal requirements.

### **Application Fee**

Wyoming's Professional Teaching Standards Board (PTSB) application fee is Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

### **EIPA Testing Dates**

The next scheduled EIPA testing date is April 16, 2010, at the Wyoming Department of Education, Outreach Research Library, 539 South Payne, Casper, Wyoming 82609, **registration is required**. Next year's testing dates to be determined.

If you have any questions about the Education Sign Language Permit, please contact Wyoming's Professional Teaching Standards Board at <http://ptsb.state.wy.us> address 1920 Thomes Avenue, Suite 400, Cheyenne, WY 82002, telephone (307) 777-6261 or Janine Cole at [jcole1@educ.state.wy.us](mailto:jcole1@educ.state.wy.us) , telephone 307-777-6376.