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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2010 -107

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
District PAWS Coordinators  
Curriculum Coordinators  
Principals

**FROM:** Jim Verley, Science Content Specialist  
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**DATE:** May 14, 2010

**SUBJECT:** PAWS Data Review Project

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### IMPORTANT - TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Teachers from across Wyoming have the opportunity to participate in the PAWS Data Review (July 27-29). The Wyoming Department of Education Assessment Team is asking for **recommendations of exemplary teachers** to participate in one of these professional development opportunities.

During Data Review, educators will evaluate the performance of recent field test items to determine the final selection of items for future operational assessments. Item performance will be evaluated based on the following:

- Level of difficulty
- Evidence of fairness across subgroups
- Ability to draw distinctions between students of differing overall ability levels
- Distribution of responses to determine the overall effectiveness of item distracters

Suggestions made by Wyoming educators will provide a basis for eliminating items that do not function properly

Mathematics and science data review takes place for 2 days, July 27-28, 2010, and reading/writing data review lasts 3 days, July 27-29. Data review will take

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place in Laramie. Pearson will provide breakfast, lunch and reimbursement for dinner (up to \$29) for meeting days. Lodging and mileage is also provided by Pearson for those traveling outside of Laramie. A stipend will be provided by Pearson for each participant related to their days of participation.

The schedule of subject-by-grade-level for each day is as follows:

Data Review Groups July 27- 29:

<b>Reading/Writing (July 27 - 29)</b>		<b>Mathematics (July 27-28)</b>		<b>Science (July 27 - 28)</b>	
<b>Group#</b>	<b>Grades</b>	<b>Group#</b>	<b>Grades</b>	<b>Group#:</b>	<b>Grades</b>
1	3 , 4, 5, 6	1	3, 4, 5, 6	1	4, 8, 11
2	7, 8, 11	2	7, 8, 11		

To indicate your interest in participating please go to:  
<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22AMXTH822K>

If you have questions about the PAWS Data Review and would like additional information, please contact Tracy Stibitz (307)721-1902, [tstibi@educ.stat.wy.us](mailto:tstibi@educ.stat.wy.us) or Jim Verley (307)721-1940, [jverle@educ.state.wy.us](mailto:jverle@educ.state.wy.us).

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