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MEMORANDUM NO. 2010-113

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Laurel Ballard, Ph.D., Chief Information and Data Officer
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DATE: May 28, 2010

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Data Sharing with NorthWest Evaluation Association (NWEA)

INFORMATION TO SHARE

As part of the Bridges grant application process this year, districts were asked to verify their readiness to participate in analysis of the effectiveness of summer programs by adhering to assessment of students in certain grades in spring and fall using NWEA's Measurement of Academic Progress. Districts could indicate in that application whether they would entertain the idea of entering into a MOU to allow NWEA to submit student assessment information directly to the Wyoming Department of Education (Department) rather than the district submitting to the Department the same student assessment data twice yearly.

NWEA has already begun this data sharing process with a number of other states, and thus has crafted a basic "template" MOU to address data sharing and privacy issues that might arise in this kind of partnership. Additionally, the Department has reviewed this MOU and found it satisfactory. The MOU can be accessed at:

http://edu.wyoming.gov/docs/NWEA_Data_sharing_agreement_Districts.doc

Please insert the body of the MOU, starting with the inside address, onto your district letterhead. Mail the dated and signed MOU to:

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Thank you, and should you have any questions, please direct them to Cassie Lallak at 307-777-5463 or clalla@educ.state.wy.us

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