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TO: School District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: Use of *Text to Speech*: A Standard Accommodation for the
Administration of the 2011 Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming
Students (PAWS)

UPDATED INFORMATION

Text to speech is a standard, presentation accommodation allowed on the writing, mathematics, and science tests of the 2011 PAWS. Requirements for the administration of this presentation accommodation are outlined in the **2011 PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENTS FOR WYOMING STUDENTS (PAWS) STANDARD ACCOMMODATIONS: Frequently Asked Questions**, which is found at www.k12.wy.us under Wyoming Assessments, PAWS.

Upon receipt of the PAWS testing materials in schools on February 18, 2011, the following tasks must be completed:

- The Building PAWS Coordinator will distribute Student Test and Answer Books to special education teachers for those students who have *text to speech* documented on their Individualized Education Programs or 504 Plans.
- Schools will be responsible for the preparation of testing materials using *text to speech* with respect to individual student form assignments. Please note that for PAWS 2011 *text to speech* **is not** limited to a Form 1 Student Test and Answer Book.
- Ensure that Day of Testing Accommodations are entered online on an individual student basis during the **Pre-ID/Accommodations Window, which is December 13, 2011, through January 7, 2011**, on the PearsonAccess portal.

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- Additional documentation of accommodations may be completed during the **Confirmation Window, January 10, 2011, - April 1, 2011.**

The Confirmation Window allows for entering and updating student accommodations throughout the duration of the 2011 PAWS administration.

If you have questions, please contact Charlene Turner at cturne@educ.state.wy.us or (307) 721-1925.

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