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MEMORANDUM NO. 2011-060

TO: School District Superintendents
Title III Directors
Principals

FROM: Cassandra Celaya, EL Assessment Specialist
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DATE: May 2, 2011

SUBJECT: World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Institute

TIME SENSITIVE

The Wyoming Department of Education is providing three days of professional development opportunities for English Language (EL) teachers, general education teachers, Title III District Coordinators, administrators and other personnel who work with students of limited English proficiency. This institute is facilitated by WIDA and will train on the following topics:

- **Working with English Language Learners**
- **Collaborating to Meet the Academic Needs of English Learners**
- **Formative Assessments for English Learners**

Please Note: These three workshops have been offered before in Wyoming and are not recommended for those that have attended other WIDA workshops unless you are the EL specialist/administrator and you are attending with a team from your school. These workshops are highly recommended for general education teachers and other personnel who work directly with students of limited English ability and are not familiar with the WIDA English Language Proficiency (ELP) Standards.

Each participant will receive the WIDA Consortium *English Language Proficiency Standards and Resource Guide, 2007 Edition*.

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Trainings will be from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p.m. with lunch on your own.
Register to take one, two or all three workshops.

Registration can be completed online at:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22C6N9UXK5N/>

All three workshop days will take place in Casper at the Holiday Inn. A block of rooms is being held at the Holiday Inn. Contact the hotel and mention the Wyoming Department of Education and WIDA for the state rate.

Holiday Inn East Casper, McMurry Park 721 Granite Peak Drive Casper 82604 Front Desk: 307-577-5000		
June 21, 2011 Working with English Language Learners 8:30-4:30 Lunch on your own	June 22, 2011 Collaborating to Meet the Academic Needs of English Language Learners 8:30-4:30 Lunch on your own	June 23, 2011 Formative Assessment for English Language Learners 8:30-4:30 Lunch on your own

Please see the attachment for a description of each workshop. PTSB credit will be available for participants.

If you have further questions, please contact Cassandra Celaya at ccelay@educ.state.wy.us or (307) 721-1924.

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Attachment

The Wyoming Department of Education presents
2011 WIDA Institute

You can choose to attend one, two, or all three workshops!

Workshop #1: Working with English Learners (ELs), June 21, 2011

This offering is directed toward general education teachers and school/district administrators and other personnel that work directly with students of limited English ability and are not familiar with second language acquisition. It is often most effective when teams of teachers and administrators from the same school can attend together.

This workshop is an **Introductory Level** workshop to the WIDA English language proficiency standards.

Objectives:

- Overview of the language acquisition process
- Best practices

Workshop #2: Collaborating to Meet the Academic Needs of ELs, June 22, 2011

This offering is directed toward general education teachers and school/district administrators and other personnel that work directly with students of limited English ability. This workshop is **most** effective when teams of teachers and administrators from the same school can attend together.

This workshop is an **Introductory Level** workshop.

Objectives:

- Understand the process of language acquisition
- Discuss myths and misconceptions about ELLs
- Learn how to differentiate instruction for ELLs
- Understand how to integrate the WIDA ELP Standards and content standards into classroom instruction
- Modeling, ideas, and practice on collaboration, co-planning, and co-teaching

Workshop #3: Formative Language Assessment for ELS, June 23, 2011

This workshop will help participants become familiar with formative (classroom) assessment practices for English learners (ELs). The content of the workshop can be transferred to a variety of contexts, and will emphasize planning, instruction, and assessment of ELLs.

This workshop is a **Mid-Level** workshop and is **most effective** if Workshop 1 or 2 has been attended.

Objectives:

- Learn how to construct valid and reliable assessments to get a more accurate picture of what ELs can do across academic content and contexts
- Explore the best ways to accommodate for diverse linguistic abilities and learning styles
- Discuss how to use assessment results to guide instruction.

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