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MEMORANDUM NO. 2015-139

TO:	School District Superintendents Principals Teachers School Board Members Curriculum Coordinators Assessment Coordinators
FROM:	Brent Bacon, Chief Academic Officer
DATE:	November 23, 2015

SUBJECT: Public Comment on Chapter 43 Rule

WDE SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON CHAPTER 43 READING INTERVENTION AND RESPONSE

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is implementing the Chapter 43 Reading Intervention and Response Rule. A public comment period is open until December 23, 2015 on the proposed rule, (<u>http://goo.gl/HwegWB</u>) as well as on a comprehensive list of tests to screen for dyslexia and language disability (<u>http://goo.gl/I9qF6t</u>).

The State Legislature passed W.S. 21-3-401(a) in 2012, which requires school districts to design and implement a screening program that measures student reading progress. The program is required to include pre-screening for dyslexia and other reading difficulties as early as possible in kindergarten through grade 3.

In addition to a universal screening instrument, The WDE is required to identify standardized assessment instruments that identify dyslexia and other reading difficulties. The programs selected are required to be multi-tiered, and include various interventions to encourage remediation of any reading difficulty as early as possible.

Comments can be submitted online at <u>http://goo.gl/9ZoM9v</u> or mailed to:

Wyoming Department of Education Attn: Lachelle Brant 2300 Capitol Avenue Hathaway Building 2nd Floor Cheyenne WY 82002 All public comments will be recorded verbatim, including the submitter's name and city of residence. If comments are mailed in, please specify which rule change the comment is concerning.

For questions or concerns, please contact Lachelle Brant at <u>lachelle.brant1@wyo.gov</u> or 307-777-6476.