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MEMORANDUM NO. 2017-059

TO: School District Superintendents
Principals
Tech Coordinators
Assessment Coordinators

FROM: Lisa Weigel, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: May 1, 2017

SUBJECT: Tech Readiness for New Assessment System

TECH READINESS SURVEY DUE JUNE 1 & PRACTICE ASSESSMENT FOR GRADES 1-10 ON SEPTEMBER 5

Technology Readiness

As Wyoming prepares for the new state assessment next year, the WDE would like each school with students in grades 1-10 to complete a Tech Readiness Document and Connectivity Survey. This will give the WDE, the new vendor, and each district a good snapshot of connectivity and infrastructure in the state. An email will be sent to the Tech Director of each district and all Principals (K-12) by May 1. Each district will have a Google Workbook to complete, with a tab for each school within the district. Each school will also complete a short survey on connectivity to the school (to the doorstep). Each district will need to complete the document and survey by June 1.

Break the System / Practice Test

Each school will have the opportunity to have students, parents, staff, or any other interested parties take a practice test. This will allow school staff, students, and the community to gain exposure to this new assessment. This event is the first step taken to ensure systems will function successfully. This is an attempt to get as many users online at the same time to check the system to ensure a smooth transition to online testing.

Schools should be ready to do the practice test on Tuesday, September 5,

2017 starting at 9:00 a.m. The WDE understands it may take a few minutes to get all testers online, but would like all attempts to be made by 9:10 a.m. to truly check how the system will work for Wyoming. Feel free to make it an event at school(s), allowing students of grades 3-10 to explore the look of the new test or even have parents join in on the fun!

For more information on the assessment, contact Jessica Steinbrenner, Assessment Supervisor, at 307-777-8568 or jessica.steinbrenner@wyo.gov or Laurie Hernandez, Director of Standards & Assessment, at 307-777-3469, laurie.hernandez@wyo.gov.

For more information on the technology survey, contact Ken Reynolds, Information Management Director, at 307-777-8014 or ken.reynolds@wyo.gov.