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TO: School District Superintendents

Assessment Coordinators Curriculum Coordinators

Elementary and Middle School Principals Computer/Technology Coordinators

WISE Coordinators

Accountability Coordinators

FROM: Dianne Bailey, Chief Operations Officer

DATE: September 25, 2017

SUBJECT: Student Growth Reports

CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT GROWTH REPORTS AVAILABLE

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) provides growth data as an indicator in School Performance Reports (SPRs) for elementary and middle schools, consistent with the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act. The public versions of the SPRs are available to parents and the community at large, providing information about students' growth overall for schools. Confidential versions of the SPRs provide more detailed information by grade and subject on student growth and achievement.

Per W.S. 21-2-204 (j)(iv), the WDE is providing individual student level growth reports. These reports are designed for students and their families, and illustrate the child's achievement and growth in reading and math on the Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students (PAWS).

The attached guide includes the most recent PAWS data in reading and math for students, and the likely range of next year's scores given a particular student's score history. Red denotes low growth, white is typical, and green represents high growth. These reports offer the opportunity to discuss student achievement with parents in the broader context of services provided at the local level.

The WDE has confidentially published these reports to the Wyoming

Transcript Center (WTC). The Partner User for the WTC will be able to access the reports. Reports are placed in .zip files named after each school, with grade level subfolders. Once the .zip files have been downloaded by the Partner User, they will need to be securely distributed to the correct schools. Students are associated with the school and grade they attended in the 2016-17 school year.

For more information about student growth, visit the WDE's <u>Understanding Student Growth</u> page.

For questions about the Wyoming Growth Model or the new student growth reports, contact Jessica Steinbrenner, Supervisor of Assessment, at 307-777-8568 or jessica.steinbrenner@wyo.gov.

For questions regarding the Wyoming Transcript Center, contact Liz Foster, Data Collection Specialist, at 307-777-7009 or elizabeth.foster@wyo.gov.

Attachment:

Understanding the Student Growth Percentile Report