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Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students Update

Cheyenne –The administration of the 2011 Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students (PAWS) ended April 1, 2011. The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) congratulates all participants who worked so hard and contributed so much to the successful administration of the assessment. WDE also congratulates all students who participated in the assessment process.

WDE conducted a non-scientific survey to understand, from a user's perspective, how the administration of the assessment went this cycle. Eighty-two percent of the nearly 1,000 survey participants confirmed that the collaborative effort between local and state stakeholders contributed to the successful administration of PAWS across the state.

All PAWS stakeholders recognize that to foster continuous improvement in PAWS or any assessment, they must be open to input from all concerned parties and, when warranted, take actions to improve the process. Therefore, in the days and months ahead, WDE will work diligently to hone its practice of fostering open dialogue between all Wyoming residents and itself.

Please visit http://edu.wyoming.gov/Programs/statewide_assessment_system/paws.aspx if you are interested in learning more about PAWS assessment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bill Herrera, Assistant Director of State Assessment at 307.721.1921 or bherre@educ.state.wy.us.

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