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## **Preliminary 2011 PAWS Results**

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) presented preliminary Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students (PAWS) results to the Select Committee on Statewide Education Accountability this past week. The WDE now has six years of PAWS results and the trend in the state is positive. The results that were shared compared 2006 PAWS results to 2011 PAWS results. Student achievement increased across the state in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics, assessed since 2006.

School administrators and teachers across Wyoming have worked diligently for the last six years analyzing data to determine areas of need for students and have made adjustments to their instruction to meet those needs. Likewise, Wyoming students alongside their parents have worked hard to individually improve scores.

While the assessment trend is positive, the WDE understands that the work is not done. The department is committed to providing support to those directly engaged in improving student learning.

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