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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Laurel Ballard, Supervisor for Accountability *LB*
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DATE: January 18, 2008

SUBJECT: PEP (Pillars of Educational Progress) Talk - Phase II

IMPORTANT AND TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION – PLEASE SHARE

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) has developed school/district school improvement training opportunities for school and district personnel. The goal for these regional professional development meetings is for participants to come away with new ideas on how to implement changes in their schools and districts and an improved understanding of how AYP and the assessment system are evolving. The WDE technical assistance focus is to offer information and strategies in the areas of leadership, communication, decision-making, and problem solving that will lead schools and districts to educational change. This training will be an interactive and hands-on professional development opportunity. To assist in travel preparations, a four hour session on the first day will be followed by a four hour session the next morning.

Phase One was presented in the fall. The Phase Two regional meetings will be an extension of Phase One and are based on recommendations received from those attending Phase One. Attendance at Phase One is not necessary to participate in Phase Two.

PHASE TWO – Major Topics

1. Presentations by and networking with schools making significant changes in order to increase student achievement;
2. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Targets, Procedures and Policies;
3. Changes that have been made for the PAWS and PAWS-ALT Assessments; and
4. Practice using targeted teaching strategies using the Content Learning Continuum

IMPORTANT: Please bring PAWS traffic signal reports for your school with you to the PEP Talk meeting. You will be using your own data to analyze potential changes needed for your school or district.

The PEP Talk trainings have been designed for district personnel working with key instructional decision-makers throughout the district and schools. This would include all District Administrators, Instructional Facilitators, and Principals leading a team of five from each school. Regional training sites will be held as listed in the attached brochure. Registration will be online, and can be accessed at the WDE website at <http://www.k12.wy.us>. Click on the PEP Talk link for registration details and additional information about this training. For questions related to the PEP Talk trainings, please contact Laurel Ballard (lballa@educ.state.wy.us), Joy Mockelmann (jmocke@educ.state.wy.us), or Judy Yates (jyates@educ.state.wy.us).

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Attachment

PHASE TWO

January 30-31, 2008-Laramie

Holiday Inn-(307) 721-9000

February 5-6, 2008-Cody

Holiday Inn-(307) 587-5555

February 7-8, 2008-Sheridan

Holiday Inn-(307) 672-8931

February 19-20, 2008-Evanston

Best Western-(307) 789-3770

February 21-22, 2008-Casper

Holiday Inn on the River-(307) 473-3103

March 3-4, 2008-Casper

Parkway Plaza-SIC

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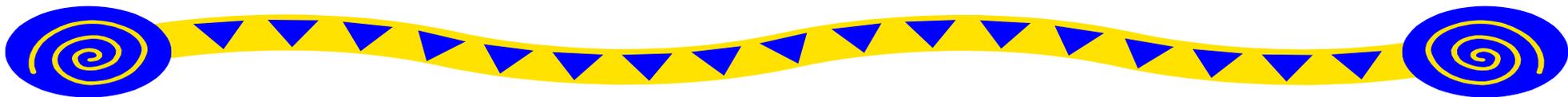
PEP TALK



Phase II Regional
Meetings



Presented by the
Wyoming
Department of Education



SCHEDULE

Day One

1:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

Day Two

8:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

REGISTRATION

How?

Registration is to be completed on the WDE website <http://www.k12.wy.us> and then click on *PEP TALK*

Who?

Superintendents
Curriculum Directors
Instructional Facilitators
School Teams of Five led by the Principal

UW and PTSB credit will be available

TRAINING TOPICS



AYP Targets, Procedures, and Policies



Changes in the PAWS Assessment



Discussions with schools making major changes in order to impact student achievement



Practice and use of targeted teaching strategies using the Content Learning Continuum

Please bring your school's PAWS Traffic Signal Reports!

COMMENTS

PHASE I

Great training overall. Much needed!

I thought it was helpful for those who weren't knowledgeable.

Good information on AYP process and determination.

The connection made between assessment descriptions and standards were very useful.

Better understanding of how to use traffic signal reports.

More, More, More!!!