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MEMORANDUM NO. 2008 – 034

TO: School District Superintendents

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DATE: February 29, 2008

SUBJECT: Pearson Acquisition of Harcourt Assessment

Important Information

Harcourt Assessment, the vendor that delivers the Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students (PAWS) and the Wyoming English Language Learner Assessment (WELLA), was recently acquired by Pearson. The Wyoming Department of Education would like for you to know that this will not affect the 2008 PAWS or WELLA assessments. In order to alleviate confusion during the 2008 assessment administration, all assessment materials will be labeled Harcourt Assessment.

There is a remote possibility that you may receive a communication from "Pearson-San Antonio." This became the legal name for Harcourt, as of February 1, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Irvine at mirvin@educ.state.wy.us.

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