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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Charlene Turner, Director of Alternate Assessment
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DATE: April 23, 2010

SUBJECT: **Project MASTERY:** Teaching Challenging Academic Curriculum to
Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities

IMPORTANT – TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION

The Wyoming Department of Education in partnership with Associate Researchers Bree Jimenez and Angel Lee of the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, is pleased to announce a professional development training opportunity for special educators who provide academic instruction to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. Additionally, special and general education teachers, who collaborate to teach academic content to students who participate in the alternate assessment, the PAWS-ALT, are also invited to attend the training as instructional partners.

This targeted training is designed to present Wyoming educators with methods and interventions to provide challenging instruction in literacy, mathematics, and science for all grades. The effective use of these methods and interventions will promote high expectations of students with significant disabilities to access the general, academic curriculum.

The two day training is being offered on **Wednesday and Thursday, August 11 – 12, 2010, in Casper, Wyoming.** Please refer to the attached Project MASTERY Training Notice for details regarding the training, registering, and logistics. **Attendance is limited to one hundred educators** as recommended by the presenters to ensure a quality training experience. Registration is available at <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22AHH57GVZK> and will close after one hundred educators have registered. There is no registration fee. If you are not able to register, please contact Tracy Stibitz at tstibi@educ.state.wy.us, who will place your name on a waiting list. Please contact Charlene Turner at cturne@educ.state.wy.us or (307) 721-1925, if you have questions about the training.

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Attachment

The Wyoming Department of Education and the University of North Carolina present:
Project MASTERY



This professional development opportunity is designed to provide training to Wyoming educators on the use of explicitly defined interventions to instruct students with significant cognitive disabilities to promote access to challenging curriculum in language arts, mathematics, and science.

Training Purposes

- Increase understanding of the efficacy of academic instruction for students with significant cognitive disabilities;
- Develop further understanding of defining targets for learning that are aligned with Wyoming's extended Academic Content Standards and Academic Benchmarks;
- Gain knowledge of interventions to increase student achievement of academic skills;
- Increase skill at the use of current research in systematic prompting and fading using task analytic instruction;
- Individualization of instruction for students who have limited use of symbols and may also have sensory or physical impairments; and
- Practice introduced interventions with colleagues.

Training Details

Who: Special Education and General Education Teachers who provide direct academic instruction to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.

When: Wednesday, Aug. 11 - Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010 **Meeting Times:** 8:30 - 4:30

Lunch: Will be provided on both days.

Where: Hilton Garden Inn, Casper WY*. The training is being held at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Hotel Reservations:

A block of rooms is being held at each of the following locations for Tuesday, August 10th – Thursday, August 12th. Call and mention the Wyoming Department of Education Training to obtain the state rate.

HOTEL				RATE
La Quinta Inn & Suites	400 W. F Street	Casper, WY	1-307-265-1200	\$65 per night
Hampton Inn	1100 N. Poplar Road	Casper, WY	1-307-235-6668	\$79 per night
Hilton Garden Inn *	1150 N. Poplar Road	Casper, WY	1-307-266-1300	\$95 per night

Registration: To register, complete the registration process no later than Friday, June 4, 2010 by visiting:
<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22AHH57GVZK>

PTSB credit will be provided for this training. The registration will close after one hundred persons have registered. If you find that the registration has closed and you would like to have your name placed on a waiting list or if you have questions, please contact Tracy Stibitz at tstibi@educ.state.wy.us or (307) 721-1902.

*We look forward to working with you to build on your effective teaching skills
to increase student achievement.*

