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TO: School District Superintendents
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DATE: July 2, 2010

SUBJECT: Adoption of the Common Core State Standards

INFORMATION TO SHARE

On June 16, 2010, at its meeting in Riverton, the Wyoming State Board of Education voted to adopt the Common Core State Standards to be included in the next revision of the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

The motion to adopt was “[t]he Wyoming State Board of Education approves the adoption of the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics in the next revision of the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards to be completed by December, 2011. The Common Core State Standards will comprise at least 85% of the revised Wyoming Content and Performance Standards in each of these two content areas.”

The Board considered recommendations and comments from several sources including a public online survey which was open between March 26 and April 30, 2010. In Casper, the Mathematics Standards Review Committee met May 14-15, 2010, and the English Language Arts Standards Review Committee met May 21-22, 2010.

As indicated in the motion, the Common Core Standards will be included, in their entirety, in the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards, but additional benchmarks may be added. The Standards Review Committees

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will continue their work to review and recommend revisions to the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards through December 11, 2011, after which, the State Board of Education will be asked to adopt revised Wyoming Standards.

The current 2008 Wyoming Content and Performance Standards should remain the basis of curriculum and assessment until the adoption of revised Wyoming standards expected sometime between 2011 and 2013. In particular, PAWS assessments will be based upon the 2008 Standards, as should district assessments within students' Body of Evidence, until after revised Wyoming Standards are adopted.

School districts are encouraged to begin preparing for the transition to revised standards in their curriculum development and professional development processes over the next few years. The standards and other supporting documents may be found at the website of the Common Core Standards State Initiative at www.corestandards.org.

If you have questions, please contact Tom Collins, Standards Supervisor, tcolli@educ.state.wy.us, (307)721-1919, for questions regarding the adoption of the Common Core State Standards.

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