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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2010-152

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
Title III Directors  
Principals  
English Language Learner Teachers

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**DATE:** September 3, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Selection Taxonomy for English Language Learner  
Accommodations (STELLA)

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### INFORMATION TO SHARE

The Wyoming Department of Education will be piloting the Selection Taxonomy for English Language Learner Accommodations (STELLA) Program. STELLA is an online decision-making tool designed to assist educators in selecting appropriate testing accommodations for English language learners. STELLA is intended to be used with K-12 students to assign accommodations to the range of English language learners for use on large-scale, academic assessments.

A two-day training for STELLA will take place in Casper on Wednesday, October 13, and Thursday, October 14, 2010. This training is recommended for all English language learner teachers, instructional facilitators, and general education teachers that work with English language learner students. This initial training will introduce participants to the program and get them started using the program.

Educators from all schools that provide instruction and assess English language learners are eligible to receive this training. Schools do not have to be receiving Title III funding to participate. Schools can expect to receive the following from this program:

- face to face training twice a year;
- monthly webinars with feedback related to curriculum and instruction;

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- technical support; and
- reports to use with general education teachers to guide instruction and assist with parent/guardian support.

Please visit the WIDA website or <http://www.wida.us/assessment/STELLA/index.aspx> for more information about STELLA and a tour of the program.

The training will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn in Casper. A block of rooms is being held at the Hilton Garden Inn. Mention the Wyoming Department of Education and STELLA.

Hilton Garden Inn Casper  
1150 N Poplar Street  
Casper, Wyoming 82601  
307-266-1300

Registration can be completed online at:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22B58NGJH49> .

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