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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2011-002

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
Principals  
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**SUBJECT:** 2010 PAWS Released Items Available

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### PAWS RELEASED ITEMS AVAILABLE

Each year, the Wyoming Department of Education Assessment Team releases Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students (PAWS) multiple choice and constructed response items and a range of student responses in reading, writing, math, and science. The 2010 released items are now available on Fusion (<https://fusion.edu.wyoming.gov>) and will be available on the Department of Education Web site at a later date.

These released items and scored student responses, when evaluated by educators, provide additional insight and clarity into the PAWS skill and scoring expectations. Additionally, the 2009 and 2010 released writing responses include annotations that were written by Wyoming teachers during the annual PAWS Rangefinding project in San Antonio. These annotations further explain the application of the PAWS Writing Scoring Guides and the assignment of each score point (0-3).

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