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TO: District Superintendents

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DATE: December 1, 2011

SUBJECT: Removal of Writing Assessment Scores

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE SHARE

The Wyoming Department of Education recently released a Superintendents Memorandum (November 21, 2011) which specified that per Enrolled Act 90, the writing portion of the PAWS has been removed from the spring 2012 administration, as well as subsequent PAWS administrations. WDE is researching the effect this will have on PAWS scores, AYP calculations, and districts' ability to invoke Safe Harbor status. Districts will be contacted as soon as this work is completed.

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