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TO: School District Superintendents
Distance Education Administrators

FROM: Cindy Hill

DATE: February 21, 2012

SUBJECT: 2012-2013 Testing for Distance Education Virtual Transfer Students

REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION

The Wyoming Department of Education would like your input on a policy decision regarding the 2012-2013 assessment of full time virtual transfer students who withdraw from their resident district to enroll as full time students in a distance education program provided by another nonresident Wyoming school district.

The nonresident school district is responsible for ensuring all students participate in required statewide assessments. The current process used by the non-resident district to provide the PAWS to fulltime virtual transfer students involves test materials being shipped to the distance education program providers who, in turn, transport these materials across the state to multiple regional testing locations. An alternative process would eliminate the need to transport the testing materials by shipping directly to the students' resident district. For either process, testing material is pre-labeled to ensure accountability is assigned to the non-resident district, the virtual transfer student is counted among the membership of the non-resident school district, and the student's scores and adequate yearly progress (AYP) are assigned to the non-resident district providing the distance education program.

The following link provides information regarding the current statewide assessment process for PAWS and the alternative assessment process. The link below is to a brief survey to solicit your input of the strengths and weaknesses of both:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22EUAQY8SQM>

The survey will remain open until March 9, 2012.

If you have any questions prior to completing the survey, please contact either of the WDE's distance education consultants: Scott Bullock at 307-777-7418 or scott.bullock@wyo.gov or Lachelle Brant at 307-777-3679 or lachelle.brant@wyo.gov.

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