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

FROM: Robin Holbrook, English language learner (ELL) Content and Assessment Consultant
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DATE: February 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Boost to Proficiency: ELLs and Writing Using the World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Framework

TIME SENSITIVE

The Wyoming Department of Education is providing two days of professional development opportunities for teams of educators including Title III District Coordinators, administrators, English language learner teachers, and English Language Arts teachers who work with students of limited English proficiency. These workshops are facilitated by WIDA trainers.

Participants will examine ways to support ELLs in their writing, including the deconstruction of the WIDA Writing Rubric. Text structures, discourse patterns, and issues in teaching writing to ELLs will be shared, along with ways to integrate content writing with ELLs' English language proficiency levels.

Since most English language learners spend more time with mainstream teachers than with the ELL support team, this workshop has been designed to raise the skill set for all teachers who support Wyoming's English language learners. With this in mind, teams of teachers are strongly encouraged to attend.

The workshops will take place in Rock Springs and Casper. A block of hotel rooms is being held at each location. Contact the hotel and mention the Wyoming Department of Education to make your lodging reservation.

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All participants must register via Zoomerang through the appropriate link listed below.

April 17, 2012	April 19, 2012
<u>Rock Springs</u> 8:30am – 4:00pm Hampton Inn (307)382-9222 1901 Dewar Drive Rock Springs, WY 82901 <u>http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22EVGM7XWV3</u>	<u>Casper</u> 8:30am – 4:00pm Hilton Garden Inn (307)266-1300 1150 N. Poplar Street Casper, WY 82601 <u>http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22EVXGQ8Z82</u>

If you have further questions, please contact Robin Holbrook at robin.holbrook@wyo.gov or (307) 777-5217.

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