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TO: School District Superintendents
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DATE: May 29, 2012

SUBJECT: Proposal to shorten the Accessing Comprehension and Communication in English State to State to State (ACCESS for ELLs®) testing window – **Response Needed**

IMPORTANT – TIME SENSITIVE

The Wyoming Department of Education is considering shortening the ACCESS for ELLs® test window. This proposed change would enable districts to receive score reports earlier but allow less time for test administration. There would also be an impact on students who are new to the country who enter a district during the first three weeks of PAWS testing. These students would be required to take all sections of PAWS, including the Reading/Language Arts portion.

This information is explained further in the survey link below. Please carefully read and respond to the survey by June 29, 2012.

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22FSDPZLRBD>

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

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