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TO: School District Superintendents
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DATE: October 22, 2012

SUBJECT: The 2013 SAWS Writing Item Review

Seeking Participant Nominations

Educational Testing Services (ETS) and the Wyoming Department of Education will be hosting the SAWS item review on Saturday, November 10, 2012 in Cheyenne. The teacher committees will review writing prompts for the 2013 SAWS field test which will take place in May 2013. Committees will make recommendations to the WDE assessment team regarding the viability of the writing prompts.

ETS will be handling the arrangements for the committee members selected to attend the review. Participants will receive a \$250.00 stipend, plus travel expenses and meal reimbursement. ETS personnel will contact participants by November 5th to set up rooms and confirm participation.

Districts may submit the names of participants no later than October 29, 2012. To submit names, please click on the following link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/M389BGY>

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