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SUBJECT: WDE663-WISE Student Proficiency Data Collection

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE SHARE

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) announces the 2013 WDE663-WISE Student Proficiency Data Collection. This memorandum provides details for the 2012-2013 WDE663 data collection, as well as communicates its firm correction timeline.

Information on the WDE663 Collection

What is the WDE663 data collection?

The WDE663 collects individual student proficiency in nine content areas. In the past, this was measured by each district's Body of Evidence System. As per updated legislation, districts will now measure proficiency according to a District Assessment System.

What has changed since last year's WDE663 data collections?

Please be advised that the only change this year is the name change from Body of Evidence to District Assessment System. Changes may be made in upcoming years when the District Assessment System is established. Completing this data collection should be done in the same manner as last year.

How will the data be submitted?

The collection will be submitted through the State Report Manager (SRM) on the Wyoming Integrated Statewide Education (WISE) Data System. The WDE 690 administrator at each district determines who has the rights to upload data to the department.

When is the collection window?

The data collection window is from May 15, 2013, through June 28, 2013. The 2012-2013 school year WDE663 data collection is due on or before June 28, 2013.

Where are the collection documents posted?

The current data elements and guidebook are available on the Data Collection Suite at <http://edu.wyoming.gov/DataInformationAndReporting/DataCollectionSuite.aspx>

Information on the WDE663 correction timelines:

Why is the accuracy of the 2013 WDE663 Data important?

The WDE663 data is needed to make effective policy decisions about instructional programs and graduation requirements.

Why do we need a data correction deadline?

Corrections to the 2013 data are restricted to a firm timeline in order to meet the deadlines of Federal reporting.

What is the data correction timeline?

The link below leads to a flow chart that identifies a set of dates to provide a firm schedule for making any necessary changes to the 2013 WDE663 data. Opportunities for districts to make corrections exist between July 1 and September 13, 2013. *No changes to the WDE663 will be made after September 13, 2013.

<http://edu.wyoming.gov/DataInformationAndReporting/DataCollectionSuite.aspx>

How do I access the data?

The WDE663 data will be available through the Wyoming Education Fusion portal (<http://fusion.edu.wyoming.gov>). District personnel directly responsible for collecting and reporting the data will be granted access. If there are additional personnel within your district who should have access, please contact your district's Fusion Administrator in order to grant them access.

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Whom do I contact for more information?

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