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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2013-065

**TO:** District Superintendents  
District Technology Coordinators  
District Assessment Coordinators

**FROM:** Deb Lindsey, Unit Leader, State Assessment

**DATE:** May 21, 2013

**RE:** Technology Readiness for Smarter Balanced

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### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

As you may already know, over the past few months, The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) has become increasingly involved with the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). SBAC will be deploying an online, computer adaptive assessment system that Wyoming may use in the 2014-15 school year.

In order to know whether our districts and schools are ready to implement an online assessment system, SBAC, in conjunction with Pearson, has created a technology readiness survey tool to provide updated information on technology and infrastructure readiness across all participating states twice per year.

Use of the tool will allow local schools to capture and report key readiness indicators, including: number and type of computers; local network and bandwidth infrastructure; as well as local staff resources and other information needed to evaluate overall technology readiness to support a transition to digital delivery of assessments. Data from the Technology Readiness Tool (TRT) will also be reported to policymakers and be used by the WDE to identify areas for focused attention for successful implementation of online testing.

Training modules have been developed to make completion of the TRT easier for districts and schools. The training modules can be found here:

[http://techreadiness.org/t/TRT\\_2013\\_02-14/launch.html](http://techreadiness.org/t/TRT_2013_02-14/launch.html)

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District technology coordinators have recently received an email with log in information for the TRT. Access to the TRT closes on Friday, June 14, 2013.

As announced in the December 31, 2012 Memorandum to Superintendents, other technology information is available on the SBAC website (<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/smarter-balanced-assessments/technology/>) and the WDE website: [http://edu.wyoming.gov/programs/statewide\\_assessment\\_system/smarter-balanced-assessment.aspx](http://edu.wyoming.gov/programs/statewide_assessment_system/smarter-balanced-assessment.aspx). This includes a bandwidth checker as well as minimum technology specifications for devices.

Please direct any questions that you may have about the TRT to Steve Marsh, Assessment Supervisor at the WDE ([steve.marsh@wyo.gov](mailto:steve.marsh@wyo.gov) and 777-3498). Thanks in advance for your help with this important project as we move toward implementation of next generation assessment systems.