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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2013 – 122

**TO:** School District Superintendents,  
Principals

**FROM:** Richard Crandall

**DATE:** October 7, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Confidential Release of School Performance Ratings

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO SHARE

The Wyoming Department of Education will release pilot performance reports for all Wyoming schools on October 11. Consistent with the requirements of the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act (WAEA), data summarized in the new School Performance Reports will place schools into one of four categories: Exceeding Standards, Meeting Standards, Partially Meeting Standards, and Not Meeting Standards.

The School Performance Reports rate schools using a combination of several indicators. For grades 3-8, the indicators are achievement, growth, and equity, while high schools will have indicators for achievement, college readiness, and equity. Specific measures used in the model include PAWS, EXPLORE, PLAN, and ACT as well as data on graduation, ninth grade completion, and Hathaway Scholarship. For more explanation on how the measures are used in the model, click [here](#).

The School Performance Reports are posted on the Wyoming Education Fusion portal at <http://fusion.edu.wyoming.gov>. To view these reports, you MUST login to Fusion. If you do not know your username and/or password, there is a Password Help link located in the upper center of the screen.

Once logged in to Fusion, choose the blue Data Reporting square. On the left hand side under Data Reporting Links choose the Accountability Confidential link. This will provide a list of confidential reports available to view. Choose the report link you would like to view. Reports available include: Graduation Index,

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Growth Indicator Analysis, High School Performance, Elementary and Middle School Performance.

If you cannot see the Accountability Confidential link, your district Fusion administrator should be able to help. As a reminder, users must have one of the following rights in Fusion: Assessment Confidential, Superintendent, Principal, Assessment Coordinator, Special Ed Director, and Curriculum Coordinator.

There will be a two-week confidential review of the data by school district personnel. During this two-week period, schools will be asked to review this data and submit potential concerns or corrections to the WDE. A public release of the data is scheduled for October 25.

While schools will be notified of their categorical rating, supports and interventions will not take effect until the 2014-15 school year. The ratings released this week will serve as a pilot test of the system. The model and its associated business rules will continue to be refined this year and implemented in the 2014-15 school year.

For questions related to the school ratings or indicators, contact Mike Flicek (307-259-3963 or [michaelflicek@gmail.com](mailto:michaelflicek@gmail.com)). For questions, concerns or suggested changes about school or district data, contact John Paul (307-777-8771 or [john.paul@wyo.gov](mailto:john.paul@wyo.gov)) or Sean McInerney (307-777-8752 or [sean.mcinerney@wyo.gov](mailto:sean.mcinerney@wyo.gov)).