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**MEMORANDUM NO. 2014-136**

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
Title III Directors  
School Principals  
English Learner Teachers  
General Education Teachers

**FROM:** Robin Holbrook, EL Content and Assessment Consultant  
Standards and Accountability Division

**DATE:** November 3, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Moving to Assessment For Learning: Formative Assessment in a Summative World – a WIDA workshop

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**WIDA WORKSHOP AVAILABLE EARLY DECEMBER**

**CHEYENNE** - The Wyoming Department of Education is providing a two-day professional development opportunity for any educator who works with English Learner students. In this two-day interactive workshop, participants will explore a process for formative assessment for language development, its implementation, and impact on instruction. Due to the collaborative nature of formative assessment, educators are asked to come in teams that might collaborate throughout the year.

The workshop will be held in Gillette on December 1-2 and in Laramie on December 3-4. Please register at the appropriate link below. Attached is a document with additional details and lodging information.

**Gillette:** December 1-2, 2014, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Lakeway Learning Center 525 West Lakeway Gillette, WY 82718. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WIDAGillette>

**Laramie:** December 4-5, 2014, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Special Services Training Room 509 South 9th Street Laramie, WY 82070. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WIDALaramie>

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# Moving to Assessment FOR Learning: Formative Assessment in a Summative World

December 1-2, 2014 Gillette, Wyoming 8:30am – 4:30pm  
December 4-5, 2014 Laramie, Wyoming 8:30am – 4:30pm

Audience: Teams of Educators, Administrators  
Recommended Number of Participants: 30 Level: Intermediate

## Description

What is a comprehensive assessment system and what place does formative assessment have in our practice? How does emphasizing assessment for learning have a positive impact on instructional practices and language development? In this two day, interactive workshop, participants will explore a process for formative assessment for language development, its implementation, and impact on instruction. Due to the collaborative nature of formative assessment, educators are asked to come in teams that might collaborate throughout the year. Educators are invited to bring a lesson, unit plan or instructional tasks that they have already developed in order to apply this process in a meaningful way.

A familiarity with state content standards and the WIDA ELD framework will be of value. For more information on the framework go to:  
<http://www.wida.us/DownloadDocs/standards/2012Amplification/2012Tutorial/player.html>

## Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Describe different types of assessment and their impact on classroom instruction
- Describe and Apply a process for formative assessment for language development
- Create a plan for implementing the process in the classroom or school building

Registration: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WIDAGillette>  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WIDALaramie>

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**Some Lodging Options:** For the best rate, ask for the government rate. You may be asked to show your state ID.

Gillette	Laramie
Holiday Inn Express 307-686-9576 \$99	Hampton Inn 307-742-0125 \$85
Arbuckle Lodge 307-685-6363 \$85	Hilton Garden Inn 307-745-5500 \$83
	Holiday Inn 307-721-9000 \$109