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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Robin Holbrook, EL Content and Assessment Consultant
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DATE: January 20, 2015

SUBJECT: WIDA Professional Development Survey

TIME SENSITIVE FUTURE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

CHEYENNE - The Wyoming Department of Education, in conjunction with the WIDA Consortium, is in the process of identifying future professional learning opportunities based on a comprehensive needs assessment.

The goal of this needs assessment is to form a professional development plan to build local capacity and expertise for all educators who work with English Learner (EL) students.

According to recent PAWS data in most grades and subjects, the proficiency rate of ELs is less than half of non-ELs. For example, in fifth-grade Math, only 14% of ELs were rated as proficient or advanced compared to a rate of 55% for non-ELs.

Your opinions about how we can best help to achieve your professional learning goals are valued. Please respond to the survey at the link below by Monday, February 9th. Results will be compiled by the WIDA Consortium. Your responses will be confidential and won't be used for purposes other than the creation of professional development offerings.

To complete the survey, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/nbrxtzq>.

If you have any questions, please contact Robin Holbrook at 307-777-5217 or robin.holbrook@wyo.gov.

