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MEMORANDUM NO. 2015-127

TO: School District Superintendents
Principals

FROM: Lachelle Brant, Early Learning Consultant
Individual Learning Division

DATE: October 12, 2015

SUBJECT: WDE453 Kindergarten Readiness Data Collection

WDE453 MODIFICATIONS

The WDE453 is a data collection that focuses on academic achievement and student readiness for students entering kindergarten. The collection is analyzed to compare students who participated in preschool programs with those who did not. All data is purged of information that could be used to identify individual students. The collection itself is completed biennially (twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring) by teachers whose district provides a preschool program in accordance with [Wyoming statute §21-4-302 part e](#), and is also available to any school district that opts to collect and utilize the data. This memo is in reference to the fall collection only, which includes kindergarten students who participated in preschool the previous year.

The collection has changed this year. Formerly, only the Instructional Foundations for Kindergarten assessment (IF-K) was used. This year, IF-K is being used along with the Children's Progress Academic Assessment (CPAA). In addition, IF-K has been modified to include five key areas identified in readiness research:

- Representation
- Language
- Relationships and Self-Regulation
- Social Problem Solving
- Science

CPAA focuses on three other key areas:

- Reading
- Geometric and Algebraic Math
- Number and Operations

The administration window for the IF-K will be open from October 19 through November 20, 2015. To access the site for data submission, visit <http://www.ddehome.com/IFK-K>.

Principals and teachers who have set up an account in previous years may access the collection with their current email address and password. New kindergarten teachers may set up an account with their email address and the default password of ddeifk. New principals who have not set up an account previously should contact Juliann Jenson (see below).

The administration window for the CPAA will be open upon completion of staff training and the submission of roster files. All assessments must be completed by November 20th, 2015. The CPAA will remain open for the remainder of the school year for teachers and schools to utilize.

Staff are required to complete one of the following online webinars prior to administration. Webinars are limited to 40 participants. After selecting a webinar please e-mail Lachelle Brant (see below) for access to the webinars.

- Session 1* – Monday, October 19 at 4:00 p.m. MT
- Session 2* – Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 a.m. MT
- Session 3* – Tuesday, October 20 at 4:00 p.m. MT
- Session 4* – Wednesday, October 21 at 9:30 a.m. MT
- Session 5* – Wednesday, October 21 at 4:00 p.m. MT
- Session 6* – Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 a.m. MT
- Session 7* – Thursday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m. MT
- Session 8* – Friday, October 23 at 7:00 a.m. MT

To request access to administer the IF-K and CPAA, please contact Lachelle Brant (see below). Your request will be handled expediently.

For more information, please contact Lachelle Brant at lachelle.brant1@wyo.gov, or at 307-777-6476.

For support or technical assistance for the IF-K, please contact Juliann Jenson at juliann@datadrivenenterprises.com, or at 303-255-1561.