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MEMORANDUM NO. 2015-129

TO: School District Superintendents
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Title III Directors
ESL Coordinators
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FROM: Brent Young, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: October 19, 2015

SUBJECT: WIDA™ Unit Planning Workshop

WIDA™ STANDARDS IN ACTION: UNIT PLANNING

The Wyoming Department of Education is providing a two part series on English Language Development (ELD) Unit Planning and Collaboration. Unit Planning Workshops will be held in Jackson and Casper on November 10-12, and can be attended by any educator who works with English Learners (ELs). These workshops will be followed by Collaboration Workshops in April, which will also be held in both Jackson and Casper. Teachers are encouraged to register for these workshops in teams, and to attend both the November and April sessions.

Participants will use resources from the [WIDA™](#) ELD Standards Framework to plan student centered units of instruction around Wyoming content and language standards. In school teams, participants will also identify academic language demands in these standards, design a custom unit of instruction, and identify ways to support language development. Teams will have ample opportunities for developing materials and will receive resources to plan methods for formative language assessment.

The Jackson workshop will be held at the Lexington Hotel from 8am to 4pm each day. Please register at the following link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/WIDAJACKSONNov

The Casper workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn Casper East from 8am to 4pm each day. Please register at the following link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/WIDACASPERNov

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