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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2016-027

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
Principals  
Title III Directors  
ESL Coordinators  
ESL Teachers

**FROM:** Brent Young, Chief Policy Officer

**DATE:** February 22, 2016

**SUBJECT:** WIDA Summer Institute: PD Opportunity

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY FROM WIDA: CLIMBS APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 7

The Wyoming Department of Education is providing a professional development course hosted by WIDA. Content and Language Integration as a Means of Bridging Success (CLIMBS) is a three-day course, and runs July 12-14, 2016 in Madison, WI.

CLIMBS offers a leadership opportunity for educators interested in supporting and improving English Learners (ELs) education at the local level. Educators participating in this course will be equipped to train local educators who work with English Learners.

The CLIMBS Program helps school staff meet the needs of ELs by:

- providing a space in which educators can collaborate on classroom instruction and assessment for ELs;
- helping educators integrate content and language standards; and
- acquainting educators with research-based practices that support the learning of ELs.

More information about the WIDA CLIMBS course may be found here:  
[www.climbs.wceruw.org/](http://www.climbs.wceruw.org/)

The WDE is accepting applications from interested teachers. Please submit your application to Robin Holbrook or Jona Fletcher by March 7, 2016.

This opportunity is supported with Federal Title II-A funding via a grant award.

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Attachments: WIDA CLIMBS Train The Trainer Course Application