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MEMORANDUM NO. 2017-120

TO: School District Superintendents

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FROM: Brent Bacon, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: October 30, 2017

SUBJECT: WDE453 Kindergarten Readiness Fall Data Collection

WDE KINDERGARTEN READINESS FALL DATA COLLECTION

DUE DECEMBER 15

The WDE453 Fall Data Collection window will be open from November 13 through December 15, 2017. In accordance with W.S. §21-4-302(e), the collection measures school readiness and academic performance of pupils who participate in preschool programs versus those who do not. The collection must be completed by kindergarten teachers in districts that provide a preschool program.

This collection is reported to the WDE twice a year: Once in the fall, and once in the spring. This memo is in reference to the fall collection only. A separate memo for the spring collection will be distributed later this school year.

This assessment is designed to identify the level of student readiness for the kindergarten curriculum, and focuses on five key areas identified in readiness research:

- 1. Representation
- 2. Language
- 3. Relationships and Self-Regulation
- 4. Social Problem Solving
- 5. Science

To begin data submission, go to the <u>submission website</u>. Principals and teachers who set up an account in previous years may access the data collection with the same email address and password.

If this is the first year a preschool program is being offered, please contact Nick Whynott immediately to gain access to the site for data submission.

For questions regarding the IF-K, contact Nick Whynott at 307-777-2059 or at nick.whynott@wyo.gov.

For support or technical assistance for the IF-K, contact Carol Ogley at 303-255-3226 or <u>carol@datadrivenenterprises.com</u>.