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MEMORANDUM NO. 2019-101

TO: School District Superintendents

Special Education Directors

Principals

FROM: Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: September 3, 2019

SUBJECT: Wyoming Next Step Assessment Clinic Oct. 25

WYOMING NEXT STEP ASSESSMENT CLINIC OCTOBER 25

The Wyoming Department of Education's (WDE) Deaf-Blind Project will host a Next Step Assessment Clinic from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on October 25, 2019, at the Tonkin Activity Center in Riverton.

Using a play-based model, the clinic offers educational assessments for students with disabilities through a transdisciplinary team structure. The assessment can provide recommendations, validate current programming, identify areas of need, or provide resources. The structure of each assessment is driven by the concerns of the student's family and educational team. A follow-up report will be sent to the parent/guardian and the child's school.

Depending on the needs of the students, these teams may include any of the following: autism spectrum disorder specialists, assistive technology specialists, deaf-blind educators, occupational therapists, physical therapists, augmentative communication specialists, speech language pathologists, teachers for students with visual impairments, teachers of the deaf, school psychologists and orientation and mobility specialists. The clinic may also include audiologists, low vision specialists, optometrists, psychologists, and a mealtime management team consisting of a nutritionist, a speech language pathologist, and an occupational therapist.

The per-student cost to attend is \$400. The <u>application</u> is due by **September 13**. The clinic can assess a limited number of children,



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edu.wyoming.gov twitter.com/WYOEducation facebook.com/WYOEducation therefore applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. More information can be found on the WDE <u>Next Step Assessment Clinic</u> webpage.

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