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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

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SUBJECT: Educator Input on Computer Science Performance Standards



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WDE SEEKS EDUCATOR INPUT ON THE PROPOSED WYOMING COMPUTER SCIENCE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) seeks educator input on the proposed 2020 Computer Science Performance Standards. Previously all Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs) were deemed the Performance Standards to measure student proficiency. The State Board of Education asked the Computer Science Standards Review Committee to identify a subset of PLDs to be the Performance Standards, on which students will be assessed through the District Assessment System.

For Educator Input:

1. Review the Proposed 2020 Wyoming Computer Science Content & Performance Standards found [here](#).
2. Then complete the [Educator Input survey](#).
3. This survey closes at 11:59 p.m. on **August 27, 2020**.
4. The input collected on the Performance Standards will be shared with the State Board of Education (SBE) for its consideration for adoption.

Important Information for Understanding this New Addition to the Process:

1. The **Content Standards** were adopted on **Feb. 4, 2020**. The Computer Science “Content Standards” are the content and skills students are expected to know and be able to do by the end-of-the gradeband.
2. **Performance Standards** are the standards all students are expected to learn and be assessed on through the district assessment system. They specify the specific degree of understanding or demonstration of the knowledge and/or skill for a particular content standard. As such, it employs clear action verbs and describes “how good is good enough.” Districts are expected to give students multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency on the Performance Standards and provide appropriate supports for student success.
3. Once adopted, the **Performance Standards** will accompany the previously adopted [2019 Wyoming Computer Science Content Standards](#). Performance Standards will be tied to the Content Standards on which districts are expected to assess all students through the district assessment system.
4. All Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs) will remain in an educator resource document, [Appendix B](#).

For more information on the content of the standards, contact Alicia Wilson, Math/CS Consultant, at 307-777-5036 or alicia.wilson@wyo.gov. For all other questions, contact Barb Marquer, Standards Supervisor at 307-777-5506 or barb.marquer@wyo.gov or Laurie Hernandez, Director of Standards & Assessment at 307-777-3469 or laurie.hernandez@wyo.gov.