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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: March 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Call for Presenters: 2021 Embracing Literacy Conference

CALL FOR PRESENTERS: 2021 EMBRACING LITERACY CONFERENCE

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) seeks presentation proposals for the second-annual Embracing Literacy Conference, which will be held virtually in July 2021. The conference focuses on the science of reading and is open to educators across the state and beyond. Last year's conference was a huge success with more than 500 participants.

The conference will cover topics ranging from phonemic awareness and vocabulary to comprehension and writing. The WDE plans to offer three session slots per day on Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 6 to July 22. Presenters willing to share their knowledge, expertise, and experiences, to teach and inspire educators in developing their knowledge and classroom skills in the area of literacy, are welcome to provide a proposal.

Session proposals will be accepted through March 31, 2021. Selected presenters will be notified of their inclusion in the conference by April 16, 2021. Stipends will be awarded for all presenters in addition to free registration to the full conference.

The presentation application form is available [here](#).

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