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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2022-046

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
Principals, K-12  
Special Education Directors  
Special Education Educators

**FROM:** Wanda Maloney, Chief Policy Officer

**DATE:** April 11, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Alternate Assessment Participation Threshold

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# PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT FOR ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT PARTICIPATION WAIVER REQUEST

Title 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), addresses students participating in alternate assessments aligned with alternate academic achievement standards (AA-AAAS) of the statewide assessment system. Each state must submit a waiver request to the U.S. Department of Education if it predicts exceeding 1% participation in the AA-AAAS in any subject.

After reviewing the 2021-22 identification data, the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) has determined that participation in WY-ALT Science in grades 4, 8, and 10 may be over 1% of the total number of students assessed in that subject area for the 2021-22 school year. Pursuant to Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34 (34 CFR), Section 200.6(c)(4), the WDE is requesting a federal waiver for exceeding the 1% threshold on AA-AAAS participation in the WY-ALT Science.

The WDE seeks public comment on the [One Percent Participation Waiver Request for the Alternate Science Assessment](#). Public comment may be submitted [online](#), or via mail, by 11:59 p.m. on **May 29, 2022**.

Educators and the public can attend a virtual public comment meeting and provide verbal input. The first 10 minutes will be an informational presentation, and the remainder of the time will be to collect comments. Attendees may enter and exit the Zoom meeting at any time during the block.

Join the Zoom meeting [here](#), or call **346-248-7799**. Meeting ID: **761 769 1550** Passcode: **L49HKU**

- 12:00-1:30 pm. MST on Thursday, April 28, 2022.
- 5:30–7 p.m. MST on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.
- 4:30–6 p.m. MST on Monday, May 23, 2022.

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