



Opportunity Through Education

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TO: School District Superintendents
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Assessment Directors
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FROM: Wanda Maloney, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: May 31, 2022

SUBJECT: Assessment Data Literacy PD

ASSESSMENT DATA LITERACY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

How did the COVID-19 pandemic impact Wyoming students' achievement in the assessed content areas? The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is offering two Data Literacy Professional Development opportunities. First, in partnership with the BUROS Center for Testing at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a webinar on June 24, 2022 will provide state- and regional-level findings from the 2020-21 state assessment results. This will include identifying achievement gaps, providing potential hypotheses for the gaps, discussing contextual factors relevant to the interpretation of results, and other key findings and questions to further explore. Register [here](#) for this webinar event.

In the second opportunity, in partnership with Marzano Research, WDE offers an opportunity for educators and leaders to come together in a regional session to explore the pandemic effect on achievement. In the session, participants will engage in a facilitated, data-driven, decision-making process with Marzano Research leaders, using rigorously analyzed WY-TOPP/WY-ALT combined data. In the end, participants will understand the effect of the pandemic on achievement in core subject areas and generate initial ideas for what to do about it.

Key concepts in the session will include:

- Understanding the purposes and uses of different types of data.
- Framing questions that data can answer.
- Conducting disciplined analysis that lets the data speak.
- Identifying root cause.
- Using multiple sources of data and evidence to make decisions.

Marzano Research will facilitate a follow-up session in the fall designed to support leaders in exploring their own specific questions using local data to develop school improvement plans and goals.

Day 1 Trainings are scheduled for 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for the following dates and locations:

1. Monday, July 11, 2022 - SE Region - Cheyenne - Laramie CSD#1 Administration Building, Room 306.
2. Monday, July 18, 2022 - SW Region - Green River - Sweetwater CSD#2 Boardroom.
3. Tuesday, July 19, 2022 - NW Region - Lander - Fremont CSD #1 Boardroom.
4. Thursday, July 21, 2022 - NE Region - Gillette - Campbell CSD #1 Lakeway Learning Center - Willow Room.
5. Friday, July 22, 2022 - Central Region - Casper - Natrona CSD#1 Central Services Facility, Jefferson/East Rooms.

District/school teams must register [here](#). Districts may register multiple teams. When creating teams, consider district/school administrators, teacher leaders from assessed content areas, instructional facilitators, curriculum specialists, assessment coordinator/data specialist, and educators of special populations.

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