WDE SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON CHAPTER 43 RULE PROMULGATION

CHEYENNE - The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is promulgating the Chapter 43 Reading Intervention and Response Rule. A public comment period is taking place on the proposed rule, as well as on a comprehensive list of tests to screen for dyslexia and language disability.

In 2012, the Wyoming State Legislature passed W.S. 21-3-401(a) which requires school districts to design and implement a screening program that measures student reading progress. The program is required to include prescreening for dyslexia and other reading difficulties as early as possible in kindergarten through grade 3.

In addition to a universal screening instrument, The WDE is required to identify standardized assessment instruments that identify dyslexia and other reading difficulties. The programs selected are required to be multi-tiered and include various interventions to encourage remediation of any reading difficulty as early as possible.

Public comment on both the proposed rule (http://goo.gl/lntB3C) and the screening tests (http://goo.gl/I9qF6t) is open from June 15 to July 31, 2015. Comments can be submitted online at http://goo.gl/9ZoM9v or mailed to:

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All public comments will be recorded verbatim, including the submitter’s name and city of residence. If comments are mailed in, please specify which rule change the comment is concerning.

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