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Wyoming Education Department offers workshops for math standards

CHEYENNE -- In accordance with the Wyoming Department of Education's learning focus on literacy and numeracy, the WDE, as part of the new partnership with REL Central, is developing and deploying training called: *WY Figures: New Math Standards*.

The Regional Educational Laboratories (RELs) work in partnership with school districts, state departments of education, and others to use data and research to improve academic outcomes for students.

The WDE will sponsor open enrollment for all educators at regional workshops on the new math standards beginning Monday, June 18. Pia Hansen, a Wyoming educator and math consultant, will join with a Wyoming team of expert mathematics teachers who will work with district leaders, curriculum specialists and teachers to facilitate full understanding of the new standards.

The workshops are designed to offer practical solutions for implementation, while differentiating for districts' stages in the alignment process.

The new standards are the result of the Wyoming State Board of Education's April vote to adopt the National Common Core State Standards. The Standards define what should be mastered at each grade level. Districts may add content they determine important and necessary. The Standards do not define curriculum or teaching methods.

The workshops will offer Wyoming educators a practical understanding for what the new standards mean to teachers and students in the classroom, as well as methods to teach the new standards. Some school districts already incorporate the Common Core State Standards into their curriculum, and the WDE workshops offer consideration to a particular district's stage in the new math alignment process.

"We hope to present our new Wyoming standards and increase teacher content knowledge and also their mathematical practices with the new standards," said Pia Hansen, Project Manager for *WY Figures*.

The professional development is organized into three modules. Each module is two days in length and will address another aspect of implementing the Common Core Standards. Module one is Awareness and Alignment, Module two is Transition and Implementation, while Module three centers on Mathematical Practices and Assessment.

There will be teacher leaders from around the state who will be able to provide support to teachers and districts around Wyoming. The objective is the teacher-leaders' location and accessibility will make it easy for the state's teachers to get fast answers from colleagues who are classroom teachers.

“These are things that are really important to us, that we make math accessible for more of our students,” Hansen said. “It is not that someone has a math gene or you are born with or without it, but that all children are able to succeed in mathematics classrooms.”

The first two regional workshops will take place in Cheyenne June, 18-21 before workshops in Fort Washakie, Sheridan, Casper and Rock Springs.

Dates for Module 1

Module 1				
Cheyenne	Mon-Tue	June 18-19	Jessup Elementary 6113 Evers	K-5
Cheyenne	Wed-Thu	June 20-21	WDE Hathaway Bldg.2300 Capitol Av. Rm. 126	6-12
Ft. Washakie	Wed-Thu	June 27-28	Location TBD	K-12
Sheridan	Mon-Tue	July 30-31	Location TBD	K-12
Casper	Wed-Thu	Aug 1-2	Summit Elementary 2210 Waterford	K-12
Rock Springs	Wed-Thu	Aug 15-16	Location TBD	K-12

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