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TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Brent Young, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: April 25, 2016

SUBJECT: Specialty Assessment Committees

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON SPECIALTY ASSESSMENT COMMITTEES

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is looking for individuals interested in serving on specialty assessment committees in the following areas:

- Early literacy
- Kindergarten through grade 2
- English language proficiency
- Alternate assessments for students with significant cognitive disabilities
- Career technical education

Enrolled Act 55 of the 2016 Budget Session requires the State Board, through the WDE, to convene these specialty assessment committees. These committees are to determine the "appropriate application or modification of the recommendations" of the Wyoming Assessment Task Force report regarding the areas listed above. In addition, any recommendations are to be reported to the Select Committee on Statewide Education Accountability by September 30, 2016.

The specialty groups will be facilitated by the North Central Comprehensive Center at McREL. The first meeting for each of the committees will be face to face, but much of the remaining work will be accomplished through additional web-based meetings.

The in-person meetings will be held in a central location on the following dates:

- May 24 All Day: Early Childhood assessments
- June 2 AM Half Day: Career Tech Education assessments
- June 2 PM Half Day: English language proficiency assessments
- June 3 AM Half Day: Alternate assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities

If interested, please complete this <u>brief application</u>.

If you have questions regarding these specialty committees, please contact Deb Lindsey, Assessment Administrator, at deb.lindsey@wyo.gov or 307-777-8753.