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PAWS Data Release

In 2012, Wyoming adopted new and more rigorous content standards in English language arts and math. These standards are commonly known as the Common Core State Standards. Since the adoption, PAWS has been transitioning to address the new more rigorous content standards.

One of the first steps is to engage in a standard setting process. Last month, WDE convened teachers from around the state to review PAWS questions and compare them to the ELA and Math CCSS. The teachers will recommend the new PAWS cut-scores i.e. performance levels (advanced, proficient, basic, and below basic) to the staff at WDE and the State Superintendent has the authority to finalize the cut scores. PAWS science cut scores will remain the same since the science standards have not changed.

PAWS scores will not be available until September. The Individual Student Reports (ISR) will be available the first week of September and the school/district reports will be available mid to late September. School accountability reports (AYP and SPR) will be available in October after the Professional Judgment panel re-evaluates the impact of the new cut scores. For more information click the testing icon.



Science Standards

The Wyoming State Board of Education directs WDE to halt science standards review until directed to do so by the board. Currently all local districts must continue to align their standards and curriculum to the 2008 Wyoming Science Content and Performance Standards.

For more information click the Erlenmeyer flask.



New Director of Special Services

Please welcome Mrs. Ludean Henderson as the new Director of Special Services. We are excited to have her join the Sweetwater County School District #1 team!

WDE Seeks Public Comment on Chapter 10 Rule Promulgation

WDE is seeking public comment on changes and additions to the Wyoming State Content Standards. The documents and standards are located at

<http://edu.wyoming.gov/educators/standards/chapter-10-rules> . Comments can be submitted online or comments can

be made at the public meeting in Rock Springs on Wednesday, September 10, from 6 – 8 pm in the CAB Board Room. For more information click the WDE icon.



Summer Academies Celebration

This summer each of the 14 schools in Sweetwater County School District #1 held two or more summer academies. Over 350 employees participated in these academies on subjects covering student engagement, data analysis, AdvancED preparation, project based learning and much more. More than \$300,000 in district and grant funding was spent to support summer academies. Let's hear it for the dedicated employees of SCSD#1!

As an innovative district, united with our community,

we empower and inspire all students to academic excellence in pursuit of their interests and passions.