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TO: District Superintendents
Curriculum Directors
Assessment Coordinators
Elementary and Middle School Principals

FROM: Lisa Weigel, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: August 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Student Growth Reports

CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT GROWTH REPORTS AVAILABLE

Consistent with the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act, 2016 marks the fourth year the Wyoming Department of Education has provided growth data as an indicator in School Performance Reports (SPRs) for elementary and middle schools. The public versions of the SPRs are available to parents and the community at large, providing information about students' growth overall for schools. Confidential versions of the SPRs provide more detailed information by grade and subject on student growth and achievement.

The WDE is also providing individual student level growth reports. These reports, which were first issued last year, are designed for students and their families, and illustrate the child's achievement and growth in reading and math on the Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students (PAWS).

The attached guide, *Understanding the Student Growth Percentile Report*, includes the most recent PAWS data in reading and math for students, and the likely range of next year's scores given a particular student's score history. In this report, red denotes low growth while white is typical and green represents high growth. These reports offer the opportunity to discuss student achievement with parents in the broader context of services provided at the local level.

Like last year, the WDE has confidentially published these reports to the Wyoming Transcript Center. The Partner user for the Wyoming Transcript Center will be able to access the reports. Reports are placed in .zip files by school name. Once the .zip files have been downloaded by the WTC Partner user, they will then need to be securely distributed to the correct schools. Students are associated with the school and grade they attended in the 2015-16 school year.

If you have any questions about the Wyoming growth model or the new student growth reports, please contact Deb Lindsey at deb.lindsey@wyo.gov or 307-777-8753.

If you have questions about using the Wyoming Transcript Center, please contact Liz Foster at elizabeth.foster@wyo.gov or 307-777-7009.

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Understanding the Student Growth Percentile Report