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**Hill says assessments can be useful, but can't take away from instructional time**

**CHEYENNE** - Republican candidate for Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction, Cindy Hill, said today in Cheyenne that assessments can be an important tool for measuring accountability and growth, but added a culture of testing interferes with school instruction.

The comments came today as Hill released the second part of her plan, named, "Common Sense Education," which covers her views on assessments.

Hill said today that no one disputes assessments are a necessary part of education for accountability. However, she points out the public has lost trust in some (PAWS testing) and tests are a tool, not an end to be served.

"The people of Wyoming want accountability, but they want a measure they can trust," Hill said. "Teachers are asking for assessments that are timely and useful ones that can be used to positively impact instruction."

Hill added that the overlapping assessments and the current focus on assessment has also created a culture where teachers and students spend too much time away from instruction. She said fewer assessments would go a long ways towards stemming that tide and increasing results by increasing instruction time.

Oct. 13, Hill released the first part of her plan regarding fiscal responsibilities of school districts and her emphasis on local control. Next week she will release the final two points on next week before meeting with the media Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. The press conference will be held at the Nagle-Warren Bed and Breakfast in Cheyenne.

**About Cindy Hill**

Cindy Hill spent her early childhood in Newcastle and Rawlins before attending high school in Wheatland and attending the University of Wyoming in Laramie for her undergraduate degree and receiving a Master's Degree from the University of Michigan in Educational Policy and Administration. Prior to her resignation to run for state Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hill was a principal at Carey Junior High in Cheyenne. She has also taught and worked with students in treatment facilities.