

Proposal to the Qwest Foundation

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Wyoming School-University Partnership

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### **Lost in Transition**

Request        \$17,000

Timeline        January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

The Wyoming School-University Partnership, a statewide consortium founded in 1986, focuses on preparing students for life and work in a democracy. One aspect of that mission is to improve students' access to knowledge. One kind of access is that of high school students entering college or university. When students are ill-prepared for the rigors of college-level work, they cannot be successful and, in fact, their access to higher education is blocked. The Partnership has been addressing this problem through summits and colloquia in biology and writing. At these meeting, high school and college- and university faculty bring examples of student work to examine in small, mixed groups. A skilled facilitator focuses discussion around state and national teaching standards. At the same time, the facilitator creates a climate of mutual respect and understanding that leads to deeper kinds of collaboration, including proposal writing for related projects.

Our proposal to Qwest requests funding to expand these statewide meetings and summits. Our goal is to continue a fourth year of the successful biology summits and expand writing to a second year. We will also add summits in mathematics and world languages. The money we request is for meeting expenses, including travel. Logistics for all of the meetings (meeting planning, online registration, meals and refreshments, evaluation) are the responsibility of the Wyoming School-University Partnership.

### **Budget**

\$6,000	1 statewide summit, February 2009 (\$600)
	3 multidistrict life sciences summits, Fall, 2009 (\$1,800 each)
\$5,000	1 statewide Writing in Wyoming Colloquium, April 2009 (\$2,000)
	2 multidistrict Writing in Wyoming Colloquia, Fall, 2009 (\$1,500 each)
\$4,000	2 multidistrict mathematics summits, Fall, 2009 (\$2,000 each)
\$2,000	1 statewide world languages summit, Fall, 2009
<b>\$17,000</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>