



WYOMING SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

School Board Memo

Week of January 7, 2019 – Happy New Year!!

WSBA Board Training Workshops

WSBA invites all Wyoming school board members and superintendents to our annual Winter Board Workshops to be held January 12, 2019 in Riverton and January 19, 2019 in Casper. Workshop I will address “The Challenges Facing New Board Members” and Workshop II will focus on “The Keys to Effective Board Chairmanship.” The workshops will be informational and interactive. A flyer is posted on the WSBA website (www.wsba-wy.org). We look forward to hearing from you soon!

WSBA Legislative Forum

The 2019 WSBA Legislative Forum and Reception will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at Cheyenne Little America. Board members, superintendents, WSBA Advocacy Liaisons and other administrators can make a difference in the political process. Here is your opportunity to hear and give input on the latest legislative issues likely to have an impact on your school district! Please click [here](#) to see flyer.

2019 Legislative Session

The 2019 Wyoming Legislative Session starts today. Please click [here](#) for session calendar. WSBA will post Legislative Updates and bills on the WSBA website – www.wsba-wy.org.

Legislative Meetings

Joint Appropriations Committee, January 9-18, 2019 in Cheyenne, [Updated Meeting Materials](#) (1/4/2019), [Updated Meeting Agenda](#) (1/7/2019)

2018-2019 Administrative Salaries

The WSBA 2018-2019 Administrative Salaries spreadsheet has been posted on the WSBA website (<https://www.wsba-wy.org/wp-content/uploads/WSBA-2018-2019-Salary-Spreadsheet.pdf>). If district information is missing please send it to WSBA and we will update the spreadsheet. Thank you.

U.S. Senate Youth Program

Easton Countryman, a junior at **Kemmerer Junior/Senior High School (Lincoln County School District No. 1)**, and **Toby Arment**, a senior at **Rawlins High School (Carbon County School District No. 1)**, will serve as Wyoming's 2019 delegates for the U.S. Senate Youth Program ([USSYP](#)). Delegates receive an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. for an comprehensive educational experience, as well as a \$10,000 scholarship from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. The USSYP was established by the US Senate in 1962 and provides an educational experience for students interested in public service careers. The USSYP provides students with an in-depth view of the Senate and the federal government, as well as a deeper understanding of the relationships between the Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Branches. Two students are chosen from each state, along with two from the District of Columbia, and two from the Department of Defense Dependents Schools network.

Gillette Principal Represents Refugees

Bertine Bahige, the Principal of **Rawhide Elementary School in Gillette (Campbell County School District No. 1)**, was chosen to represent one percent of the world's refugees who have been resettled under the new Global Compact on Refugees. He spoke at the United Nations General Assembly in New York in December. Mr. Bahige was a child soldier for two years at the age of 13 after being kidnapped. After running away and spending five years in a refugee camp he was resettled in the United States. He earned his teaching degree at UW and taught math at Campbell County High School before becoming Principal of Rawhide Elementary School.

Wyoming K-12 Enrollment for 2018-19

Fall K-12 enrollment data for Wyoming public schools for the 2018-19 school year is [available online](#). Fall enrollment rose from 92,976 in 2017-18 to 93,029 students this year. Sheridan County School District #1 gained the most students with 88, followed by Laramie County School District #1 with 81, and Natrona County School District #1 with 64. The biggest drop in enrollment occurred in Sweetwater County School District #1 with 101 fewer students.

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) has prepared the following reports that break down the enrollment statistics:

- [Historical Fall Enrollment since school year 1991-92.](#)
- [Districts ranked by enrollment total.](#)
- [Districts ranked by enrollment per grade.](#)
- [District demographics.](#)

New State Report Card

A new tool for parents, educators, and others to access information about Wyoming schools and districts is now available at wyomingmeasuresup.com. The Wyoming Department of Education created the user-friendly website to house its State Report Card, a requirement of the federally mandated Every Student Succeeds Act. Visitors to the new report card can view information from

the 2017-18 school year at the state, district, and school level. Sections include school performance, assessments, enrollment, graduation, teachers, and more. The State Report Card is an ongoing, annual requirement of the Every Student Succeeds Act, and will be updated and improved every year.

Wyoming Economic Summary Report

A new edition of the Wyoming Economic Summary report is now available. This quarterly publication highlights the State's economic conditions. The economic indicators that are discussed and graphically illustrated include employment by industry, income, housing, taxable sales, tourism, agriculture, and selected revenue. The current report highlights data for the third quarter of 2018 (3Q18). Please click [here](#) for report.

Wyoming Population Report

Wyoming's total resident population contracted to 577,737 in July 2018, according to estimates just released by the U.S. Census Bureau. The annual decrease from July 2017 was 1,197 persons, or 0.2 percent, which was the third consecutive year of decline. Click [here](#) for full report.

News Articles

Does your district have news worthy of statewide interest? If so, please email your news articles to wsba@wsba-wy.org. The articles will be included in the next weekly WSBA Memo.

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