



# WYOMING SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

## School Board Memo



Week of October 11, 2021

### WSBA Annual Conference

WSBA is pleased to announce that registration for its 2021 Annual Conference is now open, and the district office can register those who are planning to attend. The conference will be held **November 17-19 at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center in Casper**. More information - including the registration link, cost, preliminary agenda, and presenter lineup - can be found on our [event platform](#), which will be updated regularly as more information becomes available. A block of rooms are available for districts at the [Ramkota](#) and also for those coming in on Wednesday evening for November 17<sup>th</sup> sessions there is a block of rooms at the [Hilton Garden Inn](#).

### Legislative Meetings

**Select Committee on School Facilities:** [Updated Meeting Materials](#), October 20, 2021. (Updated October 6, 2021)

**Joint Appropriations Committee:** [Meeting Notice & Agenda](#), October 25, 2021. (Updated September 21, 2021)

### Public Comment Sought on Removal of Rules Chapters 4 and 45

The Wyoming Department of Education invites the public to comment on the proposed removal of Rules Chapters 4 and 45. The Chapter 4 rule set originated in 2008 and is out of date and not relevant at this time. When the rules were created, the legislature designated funding to all districts operating in the red financially regarding nonprofit food service accounts. In order to be eligible for funding, districts were required to follow the rules set forth in Chapter 4. This rule set is proposed to be removed from the agency's list of rules. To submit public comment, review the State of Reasons and the rule changes [here](#) or [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNCCoWryg5ZfOy5r2KEuIBdWlx2EDxu9NANik6yHwHq\\_XnKg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNCCoWryg5ZfOy5r2KEuIBdWlx2EDxu9NANik6yHwHq_XnKg/viewform)

The Chapter 45 rules were adopted due to 2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 137, section 6(b) regarding a special education out-of-district placement appropriation. The law only provided funding for one biennium and not renewed. Chapter 45 is proposed to be removed from the agency's list of rules. To submit public comment, review the Statement of Reasons and the rule changes [here](#) or <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckZcJNDOIRN95ECBqB4oyxZcZZsPrEstFHB1IPQXqwqlgZsg/viewform>

## **Bullying Prevention Awareness Month**

October marks Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, an important time to focus on and raise awareness of the risk of bullying and cyberbullying in school communities. Bullying is [widespread](#) in the United States, and the behavior can threaten students' physical and emotional safety as well as impact their social and academic success at school. Everyone at school can work together to create an environment where bullying is not acceptable – whether that be in the classroom, on school grounds, or online. Read on for resources, programs, and tools kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) schools, educators, parents, and students can use to help identify, prevent, and address bullying and cyberbullying. Please click [here](#) for Bullying Prevention Month Resources.

## **Influencer Lawsuit is 2021 Wyoming Mock Trial Case**

The 2021 Wyoming High School Mock Trial case is now online and available for school teams who plan to join the state virtual competition in December. The plans are for competition on Dec. 3-4, although additional days may be added to accommodate team conflicts. The case of Crook Industries vs. Cody Weston draws on the burgeoning business of online “influencers,” who profit from being able to shape the opinions and actions of the public, especially the buying habits of young people. Crook Industries hires Cody Weston to sell its Re-Nu-Skin hand cream, but Cody breaks with CI over some reports of bad international behavior. Teams of 6-8 students will prepare to argue on both sides of the question of who broke the contract: CI or Cody. The winner of the state competition will represent Wyoming in the National High School Mock Trial competition, scheduled for May. WHSMT is financially supported by the Wyoming State Bar. Find the case and rules online at [www.wyomocktrial.com](http://www.wyomocktrial.com) or contact WHSMT coordinator Marguerite Herman at [wyomingmocktrial@gmail.com](mailto:wyomingmocktrial@gmail.com).

## **Roadtrip Nation – Share Your Road**

The Wyoming Department of Education’s Career and Technical Education (CTE) team has been working on an exciting project called [Roadtrip Nation](#). The organization has been working with professionals and students for 15 years. [Share Your Road](#) is a career advice site that shares the stories and advice of professionals with career-seekers of all ages. Professionals answer questions about their career journey to help others figure out their own, creating a story people can learn from as they explore different paths and possibilities. With Share Your Road, you become a digital mentor by sharing what you do, how you got into your line of work, and the lessons you’ve learned on your journey. We would like you to share your road and become a mentor [here](#). For more information, contact Ilaine Brown, Education Program Consultant, at [ilaine.brown@wyo.gov](mailto:ilaine.brown@wyo.gov).

## **UW ECHO in Student Health Adverse Childhood Experiences Fall Series**

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are potentially stressful and traumatic events that occur in childhood (0-17 years). They are linked to long-term chronic health conditions, mental illness, and substance use problems in adulthood. ACEs are both common and preventable. Join us for the 7-part [series](#) to learn about the impacts of ACEs and evidence-based trauma-informed early intervention strategies to support students.

### **News Articles**

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

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