



WYOMING SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

School Board Memo

Week of October 8, 2018

WSBA Annual Conference

The WSBA Annual Conference tentative agenda and registration form has been sent to the school district administration offices. The tentative agenda is also available to view on the WSBA website (www.wsba-wy.org) and **will be updated periodically**. Please let district office know if you plan to attend the conference and they will include you on district registration form. We look forward to seeing everyone from around the state gathered together at the WSBA Annual Conference on November 14-16, 2018.

Wyoming State Board of Education Meeting

The Wyoming State Board of Education (SBE) will hold a one-day meeting next week to approve indicator and school-level cut scores for the state accountability system as well as rules on school leader evaluation. The meeting will start at 8 a.m. on October 12, 2018 at the Pathways Innovation Center, 3000 Independence Court, in Casper.

The SBE will first meet as the State Board of Vocational Education to hear an update on the Perkins V plan from the Wyoming Department of Education. The SBE will then convene to take action on November 1 Legislative Reports regarding the Professional Judgment Panel (PJP) and State Systems of Support for Alternative Schools.

The SBE will also take action on public comment from Chapter 29 Rules on Leader Evaluation. Emergency rules were enacted in June 2018 and the SBE is now considering permanent rules. Additionally, board coordinator Dr. Thomas Sachse will report on the September 2018 Joint Education Interim Committee meeting in Casper and PJP recommendations for the 2018 state accountability system.

The complete October meeting agenda is available [here](#). All meetings are open to the public and can be joined on [Zoom](#), or by calling (646) 558-8656 using access code 452-354-8969.

[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 second quarter of 2018 (2Q18). Please click [here](#) for report.

[National Teacher Employment Gap](#)

[MarketWatch](#) (10/7) reports that even as federal data show that the US unemployment rate at its lowest level in decades, there is still lingering shortage of teachers since the recession. September's Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs report "also gives insight into the 'teacher employment gap' – the gap between local public education employment and the increase in students – according to a report released Friday by the Economic Policy Institute, a progressive nonprofit think tank." The report says, "State and local government austerity since the recession has contributed to a significant shortfall in education employment. There are still 116,000 fewer public education jobs than there were before the recession began in 2007. If we include the number of jobs that should have been created just to keep up with growing student enrollment, we are currently experiencing a 389,000 job shortfall in public education."

[Gateways to STEM Education](#)

Join Education Week on Tuesday, October 23rd for a free online summit and learn how districts and schools are overcoming STEM's biggest challenges. You'll virtually interact with STEM practitioners, EdWeek reporters, and other experts through a series of live interviews and chats aimed at making sense of the obstacles and sharing the solutions. Register today and improve the **Gateways to STEM Education** in your school or district. [Click here for more information.](#)

[BoardDocs Webinar](#)

BoardDocs is offering a free webinar on Wednesday, October 17th at 11:00 a.m. to discuss how a district can benefit by leveraging BoardDocs technology to track progress towards strategic goals and share the updates with the community. Learn how to leverage the cloud to enhance strategic collaboration and view a brief demo on the goal tracking feature in BoardDocs. Please click [here](#) to register for the Track Your Success-Free Your Board to Focus on Strategic Goal Tracking webinar.

[NASSP Prudential Spirit of Community Awards](#)

The National Association of Secondary School Principals is now accepting applications **2018-2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**, in partnership with Prudential Financial. The program honors middle level and high school students for making meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service. Applications for 2019 awards are now open to students in grades 5-12 who have volunteered in the past year. More information on this year's program is detailed in the attached document. More information can be found online at <http://spirit.prudential.com>.

2019 NSBA Annual Conference Registration

Registration for the 2019 NSBA Annual Conference in Philadelphia on March 30-April 1, 2019 opens on October 18, 2018. The [NSBA Annual Conference & Exposition](#) is the one national event that brings together education leaders at a time when domestic policies and global trends are combining to shape the future of the students.

UW ECHO Networks

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Fall 2018 UW ECHO in Education sessions. All sessions will be held biweekly. Registration is encouraged but not required. Registrants will receive session handouts and materials prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Legislative Meetings

Joint Appropriations Committee, October 24 & 25, 2018 in Thermopolis.

Select Committee on School Facilities, October 26, 2018 in Casper, [Meeting Notice & Agenda](#) (updated 9/26/2018)

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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