



WYOMING SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

School Board Memo



Week of November 16, 2020 – WSBA Annual Conference Week

WSBA 2020 Virtual Annual Conference

Conference Week and there is still time to register. Conference activities will include Delegate Assembly on Wednesday, November 18th, a General Session with David Horsager as keynote speaker and introduction of the All Wyoming School Board and a General Session on Friday to introduce the 2020 Golden Bell recipients and offer the Legal Update. If you have not registered please check with your district office about doing so. Once you are registered you can look at the Conference activities as they are being updated. Please click [here](#) for brief conference agenda.

Big Horn County School District One Names New Superintendent

The **Big Horn County School District No. 1 (Cowley)** Board of Trustees has named **Mr. Matthew Davidson** as the new Superintendent of Schools beginning July 1, 2021. Mr. Davidson has served as a principal in Burlington for the past 22 years.

Legislative Meetings

Joint Education Committee: November 17, 2020, [Meeting Materials](#) (Updated November 10, 2020)

Select Committee on School Facilities, November 18, 2020, [Meeting Materials](#) (Updated November 10, 2020)

Joint Revenue Committee: November 19-20, 2020, [Meeting Materials](#) (Updated November 12, 2020) [Public Comment Form](#) (Updated November 12, 2020)

State Board of Education Meeting

The Wyoming State Board of Education (SBE) will meet via the Zoom online platform at 9 a.m. on November 19, 2020. The Wyoming Department of Education will provide a standards update, including Science, Math, PE & Health, Fine & Performing Arts, and information on recommended revisions to the Chapter 6 rules regarding school accreditation status. The board will also discuss a proposed contingency reduction plan to the school foundation program funds in the SBE budget. Register in advance for the meeting [here](#). After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the session. Materials for board meetings are now available on [BoardDocs](#). Previous meetings' minutes and materials may be viewed through the board's [website](#).

November 2020 Wyoming Economic Indicators

The November 2020 issue of the [Wyoming Economic Indicators](#) report is available at the State of Wyoming's Economic Analysis Division website <http://eadiv.state.wy.us/>. Within the Wyoming Economic Indicators report is the Wyoming Economic Health Index (WEHI), a coincident economic indicator that is designed to provide a current assessment of the state's economy.

MathWorks Math Modeling (M3) Challenge

MathWorks Math Modeling (M3) Challenge (<http://m3challenge.siam.org>) is a free, Internet-based applied math competition for eligible high school juniors and seniors in the U.S. and sixth form students in England and Wales. It is known to inspire pursuit of STEM majors and careers. Working in teams of three to five, participants have 14 hours to solve an open-ended math-modeling problem focused on a realistic and relevant issue. More than \$100,000 in scholarships will be awarded in 2021 toward the pursuit of higher education. Challenge weekend is set for **February 26—March 1, 2021**. Registration is open at <http://m3challenge.siam.org>.

Trust Land Voices

The November 2020 issue of the [Trust Land Voices](#) is now available. Please send comments and contributions to editor Marguerite Herman or to mail@advocatesforschooltrustlands.org

CDC Considerations for Holiday Celebrations and Small Gatherings

As the holidays approach, many across the country are beginning to plan for holiday celebrations and small gatherings. To help minimize risk and prevent the spread of COVID-19, CDC has released considerations for [Holiday Celebrations and Small Gatherings](#). The considerations were updated to reflect small and informal gatherings of family and friends from across multiple households that often occur during the holiday season. The [Thanksgiving tip sheet](#) is a resource to help people take steps to make their Thanksgivings safer. These considerations complement other resources to help minimize risk and keep family, friends, and communities safer.

- [CDC tips for hosting gatherings](#) or cookouts
- [Considerations for traveling during the holidays](#)

[National Association of School Resource Officers Certification Course](#)

The School CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) Practitioner Certification Course will be held on December 7-9, 2020 in Riverton. School CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) uses design, management, and activity strategies to reduce opportunities for crime to occur, to reduce fear and to improve overall safety of schools. The School CPTED concept emphasizes the relationship of the physical environment, the productive use of space, and the behavior of people. The course will include hands on CPTED evaluation of a school, and attendees will be provided with tools to use on their school campus or in their associated activities with school safety. Please click [here](#) for workshop flyer.

[Wyoming Letters About Literature](#)

Wyoming students in grades 4-12 are invited to enter the 2021 Wyoming Letters About Literature reading and writing contest. Students from all schools—private, public, and homeschool—are encouraged to enter. The statewide contest opens on November 1st, 2020. The postmark submission deadline for entries is January 9th, 2021. The contest asks students to read a book, poem, or play, or choose one they have already read that inspires them or shows them a new way to see the world. The student then writes a personal letter to the author (living or dead) to share how the work affected their life. Find contest guidelines, entry forms, a teaching guide and promotional materials at library.wyo.gov/letters. Questions may be directed to Susan Mark, Wyoming State Library Outreach Librarian, at susan.mark@wyo.gov or (307) 777-5915.

[News Articles](#)

Does your district have newsworthy 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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