



WYOMING SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

School Board Memo

Week of February 4, 2019

WSBA Legislative Forum

The 2019 WSBA Legislative Forum and Reception will be held this week 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 and get registered in the next few days!! Thank you.**

New Superintendent

Jean Chrostoski retired as Superintendent of Schools for **Goshen County School District No. 1 (Torrington)** at the end of January. **Dr. Richard Patterson** has been named as the Interim Superintendent and the district will do a search for a permanent Superintendent.

Call to Action – State Board of Education Survey

The Wyoming State Board of Education is asking school board members to complete a short survey on the "basket of goods and services." The basket is the collection of all the state standards listed in Chapter 10. In the last biennium that list was expanded to include Computer Science and Indian Education for All. The state board supported these additions but would like to slow more additions, if that is the advice from various constituency groups. Results from this survey will be presented to the state board at its February meeting and will then be forwarded to the Joint Education Committee. The state board would like school board members to take fewer than 10 minutes to complete the [survey](#).

Guidance on Supplemental ESSA Funding

[THE Journal](#) (1/29) reports ED “is providing non-regulatory guidance to help school districts comply with federal requirements for ESSA funding.” ESSA changed “a section of the law that oversees federal funding for education...to reduce administrative burden, to simplify requirements for the compliance and to promote effective spending. Now, the U.S. Department of Education is releasing proposed non-regulatory guidance to help school districts comply with ESSA regulations, which state that federal funding from ED should supplement and do not supplant state and local funds.”

Public Input Requested on Proposed Computer Science Standards

The State Board of Education (SBE) requests public input on the [Proposed 2019 Wyoming Computer Science Content and Performance Standards](#). The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) will collect public input through an [online survey](#) until **11:59 p.m. on March 5, 2019** and also at regional meetings. Public input meetings will be held from **6-7:30 p.m.** at the following locations:

- **February 25**, Green River - SCSD #2 Central Admin. Office, 351 Monroe Avenue.
- **February 25**, Buffalo - JCSD #1 Buffalo High School, 29891 Old Hwy 87.
- **February 26**, Meeteetse - PCSD #16 School Building, 2107 Idaho Street.
- **February 26**, Douglas - CCSD #1, Admin. Building, 615 Hamilton Street.
- **February 28**, Cheyenne - LCSD #1, Storey Gym, 2811 House Avenue.

A summary of the public input gathered during these meetings will be presented to the SBE at its March meeting. If the SBE moves to adopt the draft standards, an additional public comment period will follow before the new standards are adopted.

PLC Resource

Inside PLCs takes readers on a journey to Sheridan County School District No. 2, a district in Sheridan, Wyoming that has built a professional learning community (PLC) to great success. Using Sheridan as a real-world example, authors Casey Reason and **Craig Dougherty (Superintendent of Schools for Sheridan County School District No. 2)** help educators develop a deep, nuanced understanding of PLCs, preparing them in successfully implementing the PLC process in their own schools. The book will be available on March 15, 2019. Please click [here](#) for more information and to purchase.

UW ECHO Networks

UW ECHO in Education sessions are continuing. 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.

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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