



School Board Memo

Week of March 13, 2023

New Superintendent Announced

Big Horn County School District No. 4 (Basin) has announced the hiring of **Jory Thompson** as the new Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Thompson is from Montana and currently serves as the Superintendent of Schools in Fort Benton, Montana. He will begin his duties on July 1, 2023.

Summer Law & Leadership Conference

Mark your calendars and reserve your rooms for the **2023 Summer Law & Leadership Conference!** This conference is designed to build upon the traditions of the past and provide school board members, superintendents, principals, and other school leaders with an opportunity to learn together about the legal environment within which our schools operate. Conference sessions will cover current issues in education policy and foundations for effective educational leadership. As in years past, the law conference will include a mock trial at the UW College of Law Moot Courtroom. The 2023 Summer Law & Leadership Conference will be held August 3rd and 4th in Laramie. Registration for this event is now open and can be accessed [here](#).

Governor's Mental Health Summit

Governor Mark Gordon has announced the second **Governor's Mental Health Summit**, which will take place on April 18th in Casper. In October of 2022, Governor Gordon was joined by Legislative and Judicial branch leadership at a mental health summit in Casper that was focused on understanding the impacts of early trauma and discussing the importance of understanding leadership roles in developing solutions for Wyoming's' mental health challenges.

“After the success of last fall’s mental health summit, I look forward to continuing the conversation and further engaging Wyoming communities on this important issue. I hope that you will consider joining us again either in-person or online.” Governor Gordon said. You can register at [Governor's Mental Health Summit April 18, 2023](#) or by visiting the [Governor's Mental Health website](#). Space is limited, however the summit will be livestreamed for those that are not able to secure a ticket for the in-person event.

Board Training Dates

New Board Member Training. The Wyoming School Boards Association is providing multiple training opportunities for new board members or any board member who feels they would benefit from this series. These one-hour trainings will be held virtually **every Thursday at noon from February 23rd through March 23rd**. Additional sessions may be added based on availability and demand. These sessions are free and will be recorded. Ten training points will be awarded for participants who attend a minimum of three sessions. Interested participants should register [here](#).

Board Chair Training Make-Up Date. Because the Casper session was canceled due to inclement weather, a virtual make-up session will be held on **Saturday, April 15th, from 10am until 2pm** Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Board of Trustee PLC Training

Hot Springs County School District No. 1 (Thermopolis) is hosting a **Board of Trustees PLC Training** on April 6-7, 2023. The training will be designed to provide a framework for boards to start or continue their PLC journey. Please click [here](#) to view flyer including tentative agenda. Please let Kathy Groh (kgroh@hotsprings1.org) know how many people from district plan to attend. Thank you.

Fulbright Leaders for Global Schools Program

The [Fulbright Leaders for Global Schools Program](#) sends cohorts of K–12 school administrators to Europe for an intensive program (approximately 10 days in length) to explore different strategies to prepare the next generation with the skills and understanding necessary to address global challenges and succeed in a global economy. Participants will take part in a welcome orientation program, school visits, sessions dedicated to understanding school leadership and educational contexts in the respective locations, and opportunities to engage with host country education leaders on issues facing school and district administrators. [Apply now](#).

UW ECHO in Education

The [UW ECHO in Education](#) networks provide ongoing support for professionals working with students in the PreK-12 setting by offering consistent virtual professional development, specific program planning and evidence-based strategies, allowing participants a real-time option to learn about and share best practices.

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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