



# WYOMING SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

## School Board Memo

**Week of March 2, 2020 – Happy March!**

### **Understanding Cyber Risks in Schools and Homes**

Nearly 60 million Americans have been affected by cyberattacks to include data breaches and identity theft, according to a 2018 online survey by The Harris Poll. Just how vulnerable are you, your family and our schools in the era of personal computers, the internet and internet connected devices? This webinar will focus on the cyber risks our schools and communities face on a daily basis and provide guidance on how to protect your devices, privacy, and personal information, in our schools and homes. The NSBA Center for Safe Schools will be hosting this webinar in collaboration with Soteryx on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Please click [here](#) to register.

### **Restructuring School Schedules**

[Education Week](#) (2/25, Lieberman) reports on the “growing body of research” showing that “schools can benefit from rethinking their schedules, whether by pushing the start time to later in the day, eliminating one day a week, or otherwise reshuffling how students and teachers spend their time together.” To do so, however, districts and schools are “likely to face a wide variety of obstacles and barriers,” with some being a “byproduct of well-established norms and traditions around schooling.” One significant obstacle is that changing the school day “could force parents to alter their work schedules or put them in a logistical bind when it comes to pickup and drop-off.” Additionally, pushing back extracurricular to later in the day “can leave students with less time than they’d otherwise have to complete homework and get adequate rest.”

### **Governor Nominees for State Offices, Boards and Commissions**

Governor Mark Gordon has sent the Wyoming Senate his list of nominees for numerous state offices, boards and commissions. These nominees are subject to confirmation by the Senate. The list of nominees may be downloaded [here](#). The Senate confirmed these nominees Tuesday morning.

## Accreditation Teams – Peer Review Visits

Local board members have an opportunity to serve on accreditation teams for state-led peer review visits, which occur in each school district once every five years. This is a great way to learn about the accreditation process and see what is going on in other school districts across the state. Those who are interested may sign up for a training that will be held on **March 17th in Rock Springs**. The **deadline for registration is March 3rd**. Additional details about the training can be found [here](#), and information about the peer review process can be found in the [peer review workbook](#). Peer reviewers are paid a stipend of \$600 per visit.

## 2020 Legislative Session

The 2020 Wyoming Legislature is in session. Please click [here](#) for session calendar. WSBA will post Legislative Updates and bills on the WSBA website – [www.wsba-wy.org](http://www.wsba-wy.org).

## Wyoming Early Childhood Care and Education Listening Tour

The Wyoming Early Childhood Care and Education Listening Tour will start in March 2020. This is an important opportunity to share experiences and perspectives in relation to services and programs for young children and families in Wyoming communities. The sessions are free and food and gift card prizes will be provided. Two sessions will be held in each location – a mid-day session and an evening session. Registration is required. Please click [here](#) for more information.

## 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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