



# WYOMING SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

## School Board Memo



Week of April 26, 2021

### Governor Takes Action on Education Bill

Governor Mark Gordon has allowed [SF 0130](#) | [Charter schools](#). to go into law without his signature. A letter explaining the Governor's action can be found [here](#).

### Superintendents Recognized

The Wyoming Association of School Administrators (WASA) Annual Conference was held last week in Jackson. The [Myron Basom Award of Excellence for School Leadership](#) was presented to **Charles Auzqui** (Sheridan County School District No. 3 – Clearmont). The [Von Dahl Champion of Education Award](#) Recipients for 2021 are **Senator Chris Rothfuss** and **Representative Cathy Connolly**. The [Wyoming Superintendent of the Year](#) is **Jay Curtis** (Park County School District No. 1 – Powell).

### Wyoming Census

Wyoming's total resident population grew moderately to 576,851 from April 1, 2010 to April 1, 2020. The U.S. Census Bureau has completed data processing and just released the first 2020 Census results – resident population totals for the nation and the states as well as the congressional apportionment totals for each state. The main reason for the negative net migration and consequently the slow population growth in Wyoming was the downturn in the energy industry since mid-June of 2014, particularly in 2015 and 2016 when the state lost 9,200 or one-third of its mineral extraction industry payroll jobs. “Change in employment always tends to drive and lead the change in migration for Wyoming, and generally speaking, people tend to move to areas where economies are vibrant,” said Dr. Wenlin Liu, Chief economist with the Economic Analysis Division, Wyoming Department of Administration & Information. “In addition, the economy nationwide, particularly in neighboring states such as Colorado, Utah, and Idaho showed strong expansions, which attracted many Wyoming energy workers and residents during the second half of the decade.”

## **Wyoming Department of Education Announces ESSER/Reserve Grant Opportunity**

The Wyoming Department of Education has announced an opportunity for Wyoming school districts to apply for remaining ESSER I State Education Agency Reserve (SEA reserve) funds. The intent of ESSER I funding is to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools. The authorizing federal legislation identifies allowable uses of funds related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19. Districts can access the application [here](#). Applications for remaining ESSER I SEA reserve funds will be accepted through April 30, 2021, and should be submitted via email to [danielle.netzer@wyo.gov](mailto:danielle.netzer@wyo.gov). Approved grant applications will be funded as received until the funds are depleted.

## **Summer Law and Leadership Conference**

The Summer Law and Leadership Conference is back! Join WSBA, the Trustees Education Initiative, and the Educational Leadership faculty at UW for this great in-person opportunity to hear from national and state experts on matters of school law and to learn about legislative and legal updates that impact our schools. Back by popular demand, the mock trial returns on Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Come see which brave Wyoming school district has volunteered to be our defendants this year! This conference is designed for district and school administrators and school board members. More information will be coming soon and we look forward to seeing you there.

## **WSBA Ask Me Anything Series**

WSBA is holding a six-session series addressing relevant topics board members face. The first session will be **Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at noon** and will continue on the *second Thursday of each month through October*. Participants only need to [register](#) one time to get access to the entire series. When applicable, materials will be shared ahead of each session to all registrants.

## **Public Input Requested for Foreign Language Standards**

The 2013 Wyoming Foreign Language Content and Performance Standards are up for review, and the Wyoming Department of Education seeks public input for the committee's consideration during its review. To give public input on Foreign Language Standards: Review the [2013 Wyoming Foreign Language Content & Performance Standards](#). Provide input through any of the following options: Complete the [Public Input Survey](#) by 11:59 p.m. MDT on May 28, 2021 or attend a virtual Community Input Meeting. The first 15 minutes will be an informational presentation, and the remainder of the time will be to collect input. Attendees may enter and exit the Zoom meeting at any time during the block. 4:30-6 p.m. MDT on Monday, May 10 (click the link to [Join Zoom Meeting](#) or Dial +1 346-248-7799, press # when connected). 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. MDT on Thursday, May 13 (click the link to [Join Zoom Meeting](#) or Dial +1 346-248-7799, Meeting ID: 918 3716 0704)

## UW ECHO Networks

Wyoming Telehealth Network (WyTN) and UW ECHO in Student Health have partnered to bring a school-based health mini-series in March, April, and May. School-Based Health Centers are a concept growing in popularity, with nearly 2,000 Centers nationwide offering innovative solution to rural healthcare and extra support for the critical role of public-school nurses. These Centers offer a full range of age-appropriate health care services for rural youth. The Centers are operated as a partnership between the school and community health organizations, hospital, or local health departments. Join WyTN and UW ECHO in Student Health for one or more of these informative sessions and explore the best practices of School-Based Health Centers on the national, regional and state level plus learn how to incorporate telehealth best practices for improved health access for students and schools. Please click [here](#) for dates, times, and more information on the upcoming sessions.

## Fremont County BOCES Offering PTSB Classes

The Fremont County BOCES is offering PTSB credit classes during the months of March-June 2021. All sessions will be held at the Fremont County BOCES location in Riverton. Visit their website [www.fcboces.org](http://www.fcboces.org) to register for any of the classes. Classes are as follows: April 29<sup>th</sup> – Discipline with Dignity; May 12<sup>th</sup> – Classroom Strategies; June 16<sup>th</sup> – What Makes a Great Teacher; June 30<sup>th</sup> – The Motivated Student.

## 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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