



School Board Memo

Week of May 22, 2023

State Superintendent Degenfelder Releases Strategic Plan

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder has released a strategic plan that will guide the Wyoming Department of Education's focus and priorities for 2023 - 2027. The Superintendent intends to create a state education system that is transparent, efficient and encourages parents to play an active role in their child's schooling. She aims to ensure Wyoming students are well-prepared for good careers and have the knowledge required to be engaged American citizens. To best achieve these goals, initiative-specific cabinets composed of parents, educators, and industry representatives from communities across the state have been appointed. Cabinets, led by Department leadership, will provide input on real solutions and concrete policy recommendations. These goals will consider the work of Governor Gordon's [Reimagining & Innovating the Delivery of Education \ \(RIDE\) advisory group report](#) and State Board of Education's [Profile of a Graduate](#), and seek to align these research efforts into measurable progress. Review the Wyoming Department of Education's [2023-2027 Strategic Plan](#).

Legislative Meetings

Joint Education Committee: [Meeting Materials](#), May 23-24, 2023.

Select Committee on School Facilities: [Meeting Notice & Agenda](#), June 28-29, 2023.

Wyoming Insight: April 2023

The April 2023 issue of the [Wyoming Insight](#) is available at the State of Wyoming's Economic Analysis Division website <http://eadiv.state.wy.us/>. The *Wyoming Insight* serves as an energy index and business indicators report for the state.

Food Insecurity and Public Education

Please join COSSBA on June 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (MT) to explore the issue of food insecurity and how it impacts children and families across the United States, along with practical steps that school districts can take to address opportunities in their communities. This is a **FREE** webinar to all COSSBA members. COSSBA's Urban Boards Program is focused on supporting boards of education as they work to address the unique challenges students from challenging environments face daily. The program's focus is identifying solutions, research-based practices, and best practices to support student success for every child, especially those who are challenged by barriers that have traditionally impeded their success. [Register here](#).

Summer Law & Leadership Conference

Be sure to book your rooms and prepare to participate in what promises to be another amazing law conference! **Phil Hartley** from the National School Attorneys Association and **Mark Walsh** from Education Week will be our featured keynote speakers at the 2023 Law & Leadership Conference. You can read about each of them, along with other session presenters, on the Speakers page of our [event site](#). As a reminder, the 2023 Summer Law & Leadership Conference will be held August 3-4, 2023 in Laramie. Registration for this event is open and can be accessed [here](#).

K-12 Bystander Reporting Toolkit

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC) has released the [K-12 Bystander Reporting Toolkit](#), a new resource to support kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) schools in strengthening school safety reporting programs and encouraging bystander reporting among students and other members of the school community. Effective reporting systems, and the willingness of bystanders to come forward with safety and wellness concerns for themselves and others, are critical components of student health and school violence prevention efforts. The *K-12 Bystander Reporting Toolkit* offers simple strategies and guidance K-12 schools and school districts can use to implement or enhance safety reporting programs and create a school environment where students are more willing and able to report concerns for the wellness and safety of themselves or others. It is designed to help school leaders create tailored, customized approaches that best meet the needs of their unique communities. The *K-12 Bystander Reporting Toolkit* is applicable to schools comprising a range of student populations, geographical settings, and at various levels of maturity in their approach to reporting.

Access Resources for Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental Health Awareness Month emphasizes the importance of mental health and wellness in the lives of all Americans, including children and adolescents. Schools are critical partners in promoting youth mental health and can implement a variety of programs and services to support students facing mental health challenges. [Learn more](#) about Mental Health Awareness Month this May and access resources on mental health and school safety [here](#).

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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