



WYOMING SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

School Board Memo



Week of July 19, 2021

BoardDocs \$1,000 Savings Opportunity Extended

If your district was unable to take advantage of the \$1000 savings offered in June, we have good news! Our friends at BoardDocs have extended this offer through August 20th for all association members. *Save \$1,000 on BoardDocs! Waive the implementation fee through 8/20/2021.* [Request a Demo now](#) and a BoardDocs governance advisor will contact you to discuss ways to improve processes for remote and virtual meetings with an efficient and cost-effective solution for board management. Need assistance to convince your district or board of the benefits of a board portal?

- [Download this Guide: Making the Case for Virtual Governance Technology](#)

Guidance Documents and Frequently Asked Questions – ESSER

The U.S. Department of Education (Department) has released *Frequently Asked Questions: Using American Rescue Plan Funding to Support Full-Service Community Schools & Related Strategies*. These [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) are intended to inform state and local efforts in effectively using American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) funds. All of the strategies described in the FAQs can be supported by funding under the American Rescue Plan.

Advance Child Tax Credit

The Advance Child Tax Credit could provide relief for working families in your community who were hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. Schools can play a critical role in helping ensure that the people who need this the most will apply so all children can benefit. See links below:

[The Child Tax Credit](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Tax Credit Flyer](#)

Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in Schools

As the 2021-2022 school year approaches, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) has updated their [Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in Kindergarten \(K\)-12 Schools](#). The updated guidance focuses on helping administrators in K-12 schools, along with state and local health officials, safely support in-person learning as well as sports and other extracurricular activities.

Public Comment Open for Hathaway Scholarship Rules

The Wyoming Department of Education is promulgating changes to the Chapter 38 Rules regarding the Hathaway Scholarship Program, and now seeks public comment on the proposed rules. The comment window is open from July 12-August 30, 2021. During the 2021 legislative session, a bill passed requiring changes to the Chapter 38 rules. House Enrolled Act 29 authorizes additional courses taken prior to grade nine to qualify for the Hathaway success curriculum. The proposed changes to the Chapter 38 Rules can be viewed [here](#). Comments can be submitted [online](#) or mailed to: Wyoming Department of Education, Attn: Bradley Barker III, 122 W 25th St Ste E200, Cheyenne WY 82002.

Covid Relief Playbook: Smart Strategies for Investing Federal Funding

[FutureEd](#) has released a [report](#) with a collection of research-based educational interventions proven to enhance instructional quality, school climate, achievement and/or attendance. Follow the link to learn about strategies to make your federal dollars go the furthest for your community.

2021 Summer Law, Leadership and Ethics Conference

The Wyoming School Boards Association, UW College of Education, and UW Trustees Education Initiative is pleased to announce that participants may now register for the 2021 Summer Law, Leadership, and Ethics 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. In addition to a mock trial, conference sessions will cover current issues in education policy and foundations for effective educational leadership. Chief Legal Officer Francisco Negrón, from the National School Boards Association, will keynote this event. This conference will be held August 5-6, 2021 at the UW Gateway Center in Laramie. Information about the conference, including the registration link, can be found [here](#). Additional details about this event will be shared as they become available.

Public Input on Health and PE Content and Performance Standards

The Wyoming Department of Education is collecting public input on the 2021 Wyoming Health Education Content and Performance Standards and the 2021 Physical Education Content and Performance Standards at the request of the State Board of Education (SBE). The input collected on the Health and Physical Education Standards will be shared with the SBE. To provide input, review the [Proposed 2021 Health Education Standards](#) and/or [Proposed 2021 Physical Education Standards](#).

Provide written/verbal input through any of the following options:

1. Complete the [Health Education Standards Public Survey](#) by 11:59 p.m. on July 28, 2021.
2. Complete the [Physical Education Standards Public Survey](#) by 11:59 p.m. on July 28, 2021.
3. Attend the virtual public input meeting from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. MST on July 16, 2021. (Click link to [Join Zoom Meeting](#) or Dial +1-346-248-7799 US Meeting ID: 918 3470 4664)
4. Attend the virtual public input meeting from 4:30-6 p.m. MST on July 18, 2021. (Click link to [Join Zoom Meeting](#) or Dial +1 346-248-7799 Meeting ID: 984 4925 3310)

For more information, contact Rob Black, Health/PE Consultant, at 307-777-3747 or rob.black1@wyo.gov or Barb Marquer, Standards Supervisor, at 307-777-5506 or barb.marquer@wyo.gov.

Summer Hours

The WSBA office is on summer hours and the office will be closed on Friday afternoons. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

News Articles

Does your district have newsworthy 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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