



WYOMING SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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Presidential Award

Oregon Trail Elementary School (Natrona County School District No. 1 – Casper) third grade teacher **Janet Wragge** has received the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), with the National Science Foundation (NSF), announced in June that more than 140 individuals and organizations will be honored with presidential awards for their excellence in teaching or mentoring in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Awardees represent schools in all 50 U.S. states, Department of Defense Education Activity schools and schools in the U.S. territories American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Wragge is one of two Wyoming teachers to receive the honor this year. **Aryn Tippetts**, a sixth grade teacher at **Lovell Middle School (Big Horn County School District No. 2)** is the other Wyoming recipient. Please click [here](#) for more detailed information.

Chapter 29 Rules on Leader Evaluation

The Wyoming State Board of Education (SBE) took action to promulgate emergency Chapter 29 Rules on Leader Evaluation during its meeting on June 21, 2018. The need to update the rules was prompted by a change in state law during the 2017 legislative session, which requires each school district to adopt a leadership evaluation system for superintendents, principals, and others serving in a similar capacity starting with the 2018-19 school year.

The emergency rules will immediately go to the Governor's office for review. Emergency rules are temporary rules, effective for no longer than 120 days. The SBE will consider promulgating regular Chapter 29 rules at their meeting on July 12, 2018 in Cheyenne.

Wyoming State Board of Education Meeting

The Wyoming State Board of Education (SBE) will hold a one-day meeting in Cheyenne starting at 8 a.m. on July 12, 2018 at the Wyoming Community College Commission office in the Hathaway Building. The SBE plans to take action on Charter Schools, updating SBE governance policies,

Accrediting School Districts, and approving Chapters 6 rules on accreditation, Chapter 10 rules on content and performance standards, Chapter 29 rules on leader evaluation, and Chapter 31 rules on graduation requirements. The SBE will also discuss retreat locations and topics for its September meeting as well as advisory committee on accountability report. Additionally board coordinator Dr. Thomas Sachse will report on the June 2018 Joint Education Interim Committee meeting in Lander. The complete July meeting agenda is available [here](#). All meetings are open to the public and can be joined on [Zoom](#), or by calling (646) 558-8656 using access code 452-354-8969.

NSBA Cyber Secure Schools Initiative

A national survey of school board members conducted by NSBA in collaboration with BoardDocs revealed a vital need for more information about school board member responsibility, best practices and resources. To support school district leaders so additional and needed steps can be taken to enhance cyber security, NSBA created [Cyber Secure Schools](#), a new initiative that provides information in key areas and resources. While much of the information available today on the internet requires a high-level of technical knowledge to fully process, [Cyber Secure Schools](#) will provide clear non-technical, executive-level information tailored to school board members. Visitors who regularly visit the web pages will be able to keep abreast of the most current resources, protocols and tools so policies and technology enhancements can be made in a timely fashion. Please visit the [website](#) to explore the [Cyber Secure Schools](#) web pages. In addition to the [survey data](#), there are informative articles, a link to a planning template, and a notice about an [upcoming webinar](#). If you would like to be notified when additional resources are posted, please [click here](#) to fill out the contact form.

NSBA/Board Docs Webinar

Please join NSBA and BoardDocs on July 18th at 9:30 a.m. for a briefing on [NSBA Cyber Secure Schools](#) – designed specifically for school board leaders and superintendents – to discuss the findings of a new and insightful report and to learn about specific steps your district can take to improve cyber readiness. Our panel of national and local school board leaders will share their views about the findings in the study and discuss actions public school leaders can take to protect the valuable information of their students and employees. [Click here to register](#).

AdvancED/Measured Progress Merger

AdvanceEd and Measured Progress will merge to form a single, unified nonprofit educational organization. The new organization will focus on providing a continuous improvement system that connects student learning outcomes with school quality measures. The organization will help states, governing authorities, districts, and schools address challenges in crucial areas where educators say they need the most help through an integrated suite of solutions, including a technology platform that brings together a broad range of student academic and non-academic data to support improved decision-making and improvement actions. Please view the [press announcement](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) released to the media for additional information on the merger.

AdvancED Wyoming/Colorado Fall Conference

The 2018 AdvancED Wyoming/Colorado Fall Conference will take place at the University of Wyoming on September 23-25, 2018. This conference will commemorate the 50-year legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who challenged the nation to do better – to improve. Please click [here](#) for event summary and registration.

2018 Kids Count Data Book Published

The 2018 Kids Count Data Book published by the Annie E. Casey Foundation in partnership with the Wyoming Community Foundation was released on June 27. As a priority fund of the Wyoming Community Foundation, the Wyoming Afterschool Alliance supports and participates in the effort to track state trends in child well-being. Wyoming ranks 18th in the nation for child well-being, 6th in economic well-being, 25th in education, 49th in health, and 7th in family and community. Check out the full report and download Wyoming's state fact sheet here: www.aecf.org/resources/2018-kids-count-data-book. For more information please click [here](#).

Wyoming Economic Summary Report

A new edition of the Wyoming Economic Summary report is now available. This quarterly publication highlights the State's economic conditions. The economic indicators that are discussed and graphically illustrated include employment by industry, income, housing, taxable sales, tourism, agriculture, and selected revenue. The current report highlights data for the first quarter of 2018 (1Q18). Please click [here](#) for report.

Summer Hours

The WSBA office has begun summer hours and the office will be closed on Friday afternoons. Enjoy the sunshine and warm weather!!

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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