



School Board Memo

Week of August 1, 2022

Wyoming State Board of Education

The [Wyoming State Board of Education](#) (SBE) will meet in-person to hold its annual retreat and August meeting from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on August 4th and from 8 a.m.-noon on August 5th. The SBE retreat and meeting will be available virtually. Register in advance to attend the August 4th meeting [here](#) and the August 5th meeting [here](#). After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

UW Literacy Research Center Literacy Conference

The [UW Literacy Research Center and Clinic \(LRCC\)](#), is excited to announce the return of our in-person literacy conference that exposes teachers from Wyoming and beyond to the latest research and best practices in literacy education. The conference will be held on September 17, 2022 on the UW Campus. Attendees can receive Wyoming PTSB renewal credit for attending this event. [Visit the website to learn more!](#)

Wyoming MACRO Report

The June 2022 issue of the [Wyoming MACRO Report](#) is available at the State of Wyoming's Economic Analysis Division website <http://eadiv.state.wy.us/>. The MACRO Report is a quarterly publication that consists of charts focusing on employment, energy, state revenues, and other indicators providing an overview of Wyoming's economy.

2022 State of School Safety Report

[Safe and Sound Schools](#) has released its [2022 State of School Safety Report](#). You can download this report to see where school communities lie on the spectrum of safety awareness and preparedness. This fifth annual report highlights safety issues important to all stakeholders and identifies areas where further exploration, education, and conversations are needed. Schools and local communities are encouraged to use these findings to drive the important – and sometimes difficult – conversations necessary to address the myriad of issues impacting the safety and security of our school communities.

Community School Strategies

Students from rural and small-town districts represent nearly a third of the nation's public school enrollment. [Forty-one percent of U.S. schools are located in these areas](#). The economic forces changing these districts offer school leaders the opportunity to rethink how schooling is done, and how to connect with families, mobilize partners, and address changing needs. Already, schools are often the hub of smaller communities. Now, they're becoming more strategic. They're becoming community schools. Read more [here](#).

Managing Operational Technology Risks

The education sector continues to get slammed by cyberattacks. Microsoft's [Global Threat Activity Map by Industry](#) shows that, as of June 16, education institutions had been victims of 5.9 million malware attacks within the last 30 days.

The rapid shift to distance learning accelerated an already growing trend. Relentless cyber activity, ransomware, and more sophisticated attacks expose education IT professionals to increased pressure to maintain operational continuity. Education IT leaders and chief information security officers must continually worry about protecting key information systems and data. Read full article [here](#).

2022 National Summit on K-12 School Safety and Security

Mark your calendars. Registration will open in mid-August. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) will be hosting the [2022 National Summit on K-12 School Safety and Security](#) on **November 1-2, 2022**. This two-day virtual event will convene school safety experts, practitioners, and leaders from across the country to discuss current threats in school safety and explore research-informed strategies for addressing security challenges and risks in K-12 schools. The event will feature keynote addresses from government and private sector leaders, as well as panels on a range of school safety topics and threats. Sessions will cover the latest research, resources, programs, and guidance on issues such as cybersecurity, targeted violence, emergency planning, and physical security.

K-12 Students Mental Health Summer Slide

Educators know all too well the academic damage associated with “summer slide.” Yet this gap can pertain to more than just academic knowledge, as many students face escalating mental health challenges during the summer. [Here](#) is what K-12 educators need to know about the extent of this other potential “summer slide” and how they can help mitigate it among their students.

Summer Hours

The WSBA office has started summer hours and the office will be closed on Friday afternoons. May summer bring times with families and friends and much needed togetherness.

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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