WSBA 2020 Leadership Development Series

Due to the current public health orders and conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have decided that we will not hold in-person WSBA Regional Meetings this year. Instead, we will be hosting the WSBA Leadership Development Series, a sequence of open virtual discussion and information sessions on a variety of topics of interest to Wyoming school board members. This series will be hosted on Zoom on select Wednesday evenings at 5:00 pm, with repeat sessions available the following Thursday at 12:00 noon. These sessions will be open to any school board member, superintendent, or invited guest who wishes to attend.

August 26/27 Session – Recalibration Update – Click below to register:
Wednesday 5:00 pm or Thursday 12:00 noon

As We Return to School: What Should Boards Be Asking?

BoardDocs is pleased to be offering this webinar on Thursday, August 27th at 11:00 a.m. Mountain time. As school districts come back together, reopen district offices and resume some form of in-person services, boards are beginning to assess the district’s response to the pandemic crisis. Since it may be necessary to pivot between virtual and face-to-face instruction, it's beneficial to examine what's worked so far and what practices can be improved upon. Register here.

Legislative Meetings

Select Committee on Capital Financing & Investments: Meeting Notice & Agenda, September 1, 2020 (Updated August 11, 2020)
Select Committee on School Facilities: Meeting Notice & Agenda, September 2, 2020 (Updated August 24, 2020), Public Comment Form (Updated August 25, 2020)
Joint Education Committee: Meeting Notice & Agenda, September 3, 2020 (Updated August 4, 2020), Meeting Materials (Updated August 21, 2020)
Select Committee on School Finance Recalibration: September 8-9, 2020.
**Proposed Wyoming Computer Science Performance Standards**

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) will host two virtual meetings to collect public input on the proposed [2020 Computer Science Performance Standards](#). Attendees will sign in through the Zoom online platform and will remain in a "waiting room" until the meeting begins promptly at noon and 6 p.m. on August 25 respectively. Meeting details are below.

August 25, 2020  
Noon-2 p.m.  
Join the Zoom Meeting  
https://zoom.us/j/92919364903  
Meeting ID: 929 1936 4903  
Dial In: +1 669 900 6833 US

August 25, 2020  
6-8 p.m.  
Join the Zoom Meeting  
https://zoom.us/j/94666353183  
Meeting ID: 946 6635 3183  
Dial in: +1 669 900 6833 US

Public input on the proposed Performance Standards is open through 11:59 p.m. on August 27, 2020. Comments can be submitted [online](#) or mailed to: Wyoming Department of Education, Attn: Barb Marquer, 122 W 25th St Ste E200, Cheyenne WY 82002. For more information, contact Barb Marquer, Standards Team Supervisor, at 307-777-5506 or barb.marquer@wyo.gov.

**Navigating a Pandemic: Considerations for Local School Boards**

As districts ponder options for the 2020-21 school year, the Wyoming School Boards Association is providing this brief [resource document](#), which includes important items of consideration for local boards. This document is intended to help boards contemplate not only re-entry plans, but also actions they may need to take during the school year as COVID-related situations evolve.

**Modern Governance Summit**

In times like these, modern governance matters more than ever and it is important to stay up to speed with ever-evolving trends, relevant governance topics, and new technology. That is why the [2020 Modern Governance Summit](#) on September 17-18, 2020 is virtual and free of charge! This will be a series of knowledge-packed sessions to support you in your role with the very best in peer-led thought leadership, governance best practices, product training sessions, and more! . All registrants will have access to the recorded sessions after the conference. Please click [here](#) to register.

**2020 Census**

The U.S. Census Bureau’s STOP THE KNOCK campaign is underway. It’s an effort to encourage Wyomingites to respond to the Census now to lessen the possibility of a Census employee knocking on their door this month to obtain Census responses. Census takers will soon begin knocking on doors to follow up with households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census. The door-to-door operation is scheduled to end on September 30. Households can still respond now by completing and mailing back the [paper questionnaire](#) they received, by responding online at [2020census.gov](#), or by phone at 844-330-2020. Households can also respond [online](#) or by [phone](#). As of today, 58.3% of Wyomingites have responded to the 2020 Census. The current deadline for households to respond has been [extended](#) to October 31, 2020.

**COVID-19**

WSBA is sharing as much information as possible to school districts as the information is updated. Please check the WSBA [website](#) and look for emails from Brian Farmer and Julie Magee that are shared with district offices and board chairs. It is a challenging time.
Governor Mark Gordon has made it easy to see how the state is utilizing federal dollars awarded to Wyoming through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The Governor has added a dedicated page to the Wyoming Sense budget transparency website that illustrates how CARES Act funds are being distributed. The CARES Act spending page breaks down spending into nine categories: Economic/Business Relief ($327.3M); Education Resilience ($110.5M); Broadband and Communications Infrastructure ($100M); Testing and Contact Tracing ($60M); Unemployment and Workers Compensation ($42.2M); Local Governments ($35.9M); Eviction Prevention and Support ($15M); State Agencies COVID Response ($12.2M); and Judicial and Legislative Branches ($7M).

The page, https://www.wyomingsense.gov/cares-act, includes additional details on each category, along with helpful links and additional resources. It will be updated regularly as additional funds are allocated.

Summer Hours

The WSBA office has two more weeks of summer hours and the office will be closed on Friday afternoons. Office will be open all day Fridays starting September 11th.

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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