



School Board Memo

Week of September 11, 2023 – Honoring Patriot Day

Legislative Meetings

Select Committee on School Facilities: Updated [Meeting Materials](#), September 14, 2023.

Joint Education & Joint Appropriations Committee: [Meeting Notice and Agenda](#), September 27, 2023.

Wyoming High School Mock Trial Competition

The 2023 Wyoming High School Mock Trial (WHSMT) case is now posted for Wyoming high schools that want to field a team (6-8 students) for the state competition December 2, 2023, in Cheyenne. Students prepare with teachers and attorney coaches to compete in “trials” at the state competition in Laramie County courtrooms. The program is for students who enjoy analyzing a problem, strategizing a solution, working with a team and coaches to become an attorney or witness in a real-time contest. Mock trial integrates performing arts, language arts and social studies. Case and competition information at www.wyomingmocktrial.com.

Wyoming Wonders Elementary Curriculum

Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom (WAIC) is excited to announce the launch of its brand new [Wyo Wonders](#) curriculum this fall. Wyo Wonders is a free elementary curriculum focused on helping students understand Wyoming’s core heritage industries of agriculture, minerals and energy, outdoor recreation, and tourism. Wyo Wonders is supported by WAIC, and their team of Education Advocates provides workshops for educators, along with as-needed support throughout the school year. Since the beginning of June, educators attending WAIC’s summer workshops have gotten their first look at the Wyo Wonders curriculum. To learn more about the program, and how you can support it within your community, please reach out to Andrew Joannides, Executive Director at 307-369-1749.

2023-2024 Teacher Salary Settlements

The [2023-2024 Teacher Salary Settlements](#) for Wyoming school districts has been posted on the WSBA website. This information can be updated at any time. Please contact WSBA with updates. Thank you.

2023 Fall Virtual Series: Build Your Board Knowledge

Beginning Thursday, October 5th, WSBA will host a virtual training series for members who are interested in building their knowledge about the following topics: ***School Finance 101, Overview of Governance Standards, Understanding Accountability, Roles & Responsibilities, and Advocating for your District.*** The sessions will be held at noon and last an hour. You can register for this free series [here](#).

2023 School Performance Ratings

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) has released results for the 2022-23 School Performance Ratings. Full school performance rating data can be found [here](#). A three ratings period snapshot by district can be found [here](#). A Parent & Community Member Overview, outlining the accountability process and additional current results can be found [here](#).

Back to School Infographic

Back-to-school season is an important and exciting time for parents, teachers, faculty, and the millions of primary and secondary school students in the United States. It's also an opportunity to establish safe and supportive learning environments for students and educators returning for a new academic year.

School safety encompasses several important elements, which span planning and prevention activities to protection and mitigation measures, to response and recovery actions during and after an actual incident. By integrating these various elements – and applying them to their individualized and unique needs, challenges, and settings – schools can create comprehensive school safety programs and systems.

Learn more about strategies that help inform a holistic approach to school safety in this [back-to-school infographic](#). This overview outlines key information and tips on school safety topics ranging from mental health support, to targeted violence prevention, to fostering a positive school climate, and more. Find additional information about these issues on [SchoolSafety.gov](#).

Safe Student Alliance Conference

Join the Wyoming Department of Education for the [Safe Student Alliance Conference](#)! This in-person conference will take place on September 25-26, 2023 at the [University of Wyoming Conference Center](#). At this conference, administrators, educators, law enforcement and other experts will come together to discuss and address important issues related to student safety and mental health. This event aims to provide valuable insights, strategies, and resources. For more information or to register please click [here](#).

McGrath Title IX Training

[BOCES 5](#) will be hosting a McGrath Title IX two-day training in Casper on October 10-11, 2023. Sexual Harassment and Misconduct, Discrimination, and Bullying, thoroughly addresses the intake and investigation of concerns and complaints ensuring Title VI, VII, and IX compliance. The McGrath Response System goes beyond compliance and provides the “how” of reporting, investigation, and record keeping including example cases, forms, and checklists. McGrath provides a consistent, easy-to-use system and when implemented correctly will shift the culture around sexual harassment and misconduct and encourage reporting. Please click [here](#) to register. Booking [link](#) for rooms at Casper Hilton Garden Inn.

News Articles

Does your district have news 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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