



WYOMING SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

School Board Memo



Week of September 13, 2021

WSBA Office Closure

The WSBA Office will be closed September 16-17, 2021. WSBA staff will be in Jackson to host the NSBA Western Region Meeting. Staff members will be available through emails, texts or by leaving a voicemail.

New Board Member

Megan Truman has resigned from the **Washakie County School District No. 2 (Ten Sleep)** Board of Trustees. The board has appointed **Bill Murphy** to fill this vacancy.

Interim Superintendent Named

Stephanie Zickefoose has been named Interim Superintendent for **Fremont County School District No. 14 (Wyoming Indian Schools – Ethete)**.

Wyoming State Board of Education

The Wyoming State Board of Career and Technical Education (SBCTE) and Wyoming State Board of Education (SBE) will meet virtually at 9 a.m. on September 16, 2021. The board will welcome Dr. Scott Thomas, who will be sworn in as an ex-officio member representing the University of Wyoming. The board will initially convene as the SBCTE to hear an update on the implementation of Perkins V in Wyoming. After reconvening, the SBE will consider action on proposed revisions to Chapter 22 School Day rules and a recommendation to collect public and educator input on the proposed revisions to the Fine and Performing Arts Standards. The board will hear a presentation on the Wyoming Accountability System and a Standards update covering Foreign Language, English Language Arts, Fine and Performing Arts, P.E. & Health, Science, and Math. All SBE meetings are open to the public. Register in advance for the September 16 meeting [here](#). After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Materials for board meetings are available on [BoardDocs](#). Previous meetings' minutes and materials may be viewed through the board's [website](#).

[Wyoming Legislature Launches Redistricting Webpage](#)

The Wyoming Legislature has launched a webpage dedicated to providing the public with up-to-date information regarding this year's legislative redistricting. The [page](#) provides the public with a wide variety of information about the redistricting process as well as a list of scheduled public meetings and work sessions. The webpage will continuously be updated with draft redistricting plans and maps as the Joint Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Committee's work progresses.

[Wyoming Insight](#)

The August 2021 issue of the [Wyoming Insight](#) is available at the State of Wyoming's Economic Analysis Division website <http://eadiv.state.wy.us/>. The *Wyoming Insight* serves as an energy index and business indicators report for the state.

[Governor's Strike Team Update](#)

Governor Mark Gordon continues to lead planning efforts on how to most effectively invest in the future of Wyoming. The public engagement and planning process is continuing, as the Governor's Strike Team prepares recommendations on how best to utilize state funds awarded under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARP).

The Governor previously expressed his commitment to a thoughtful, purposeful, transparent, and strategic approach to handling ARP funds. He has assembled a Strike Team that includes members of his cabinet, legislators and local elected officials to develop recommendations on short, medium, and long-term goals that will inform the use of the funds. The Governor's plan to "[Survive, Drive and Thrive](#)" was published in June. Please click [here](#) for full press release.

[Legislative Meetings](#)

Joint Labor Committee: [Meeting Materials](#), September 16-17, 2021

Joint Revenue Committee: [Meeting Notice and Agenda](#), September 29-30, 2021. (Updated September 10, 2021)

[Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Short-Term Program](#)

Expert K–12 educators from the United States can travel to participating countries and territories abroad to carry out short-term educational projects through the **Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Short-Term Program**. Participants spend 2-6 weeks working in schools, teacher training colleges, government ministries, and/or educational NGOs, as identified by U.S. Embassies and Fulbright Commissions. 2021-2022 projects will take place in **Colombia, Mexico, Israel, the Philippines, Spain, Uganda, and Vietnam**. Review short-term projects [here](#). Application deadline: **October 15, 2021**.

[COVID-19 School Testing Toolkit](#)

To help support schools who are implementing regular school testing programs, CDC has developed a suite of free resources. The [COVID-19 School Testing Toolkit](#) includes the following:

- Social media content that communicates the importance of COVID-19 school testing and can be shared on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook.
- Informational flyers to promote school COVID-19 testing programs and answer questions about COVID-19 school testing.
- Posters that highlight the benefits of COVID-19 testing programs in schools and portray in-person learning and activities.

- Customizable letters and FAQs for teachers and parents that address frequently asked questions about school COVID-19 testing programs.

If you have questions or have suggestions for additional toolkit materials, please contact CDC's School Support Section at <mailto:eocevent335@cdc.gov>.

Back to School COVID Resources

[List](#) of Back to School Resources (Updated 9/2/2021)

Details about what parents can expect if school students test positive or are quarantined can be found on the WDH [website](#) and are also being provided to all Wyoming school districts.

Detailed guidance for schools from the CDC is available [here](#).

UW ECHO in Student Health Adverse Childhood Experiences Fall Series

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are potentially stressful and traumatic events that occur in childhood (0-17 years). They are linked to long-term chronic health conditions, mental illness, and substance use problems in adulthood. ACEs are both common and preventable. Join us for the 7-part [series](#) to learn about the impacts of ACEs and evidence-based trauma-informed early intervention strategies to support students.

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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