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December 2022 | The Latest Updates from WSUP

While 2022 is pretty much wrapped up, there are still some great opportunities taking place during the month of December and starting in the new year.

Partnership Updates

Governing Board Meetings

Feel free to review the [minutes and materials from the October Governing Board Meeting](#) to ensure you are up-to-date on discussions and activities pertaining to the Partnership. The next WSUP Governing Board meeting will be held on [Wednesday, January 11, 2023 on Zoom](#).

A calendar invite was sent out on November 16th, 2022.

A Fond Farewell

Dr. Leslie Rush will be stepping down from the Partnership director role effective December 31st. Leslie served as a leader of WSUP since 2017 and dedicated her time and efforts to build an engaged, robust, and cohesive public education partnership across the state. Under her leadership, Leslie brought on districts that accept pre-service teachers, founded the student teacher advisory group, maintained commitment to NNER while it was in existence, and fostered collaboration with other entities, both on and off campus, to name a few. Beyond her role as Director, Leslie served as an incredible supervisor who constantly engaged with her staff and made working for the Partnership one of the best jobs on campus. Dr. Colby Gull will take over as the acting Director beginning January 1st and Leslie will continue minimal involvement with the Ellbogen Case Study of Wyoming's Transition Programs throughout 2023. We shall miss you Leslie!

Wyoming School Board Association Presentation

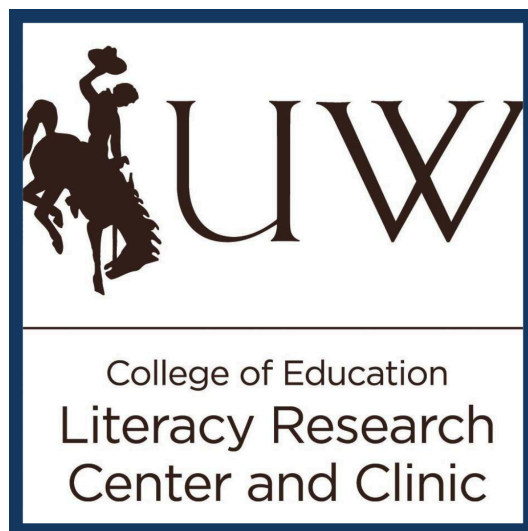
WSUP was invited to present at the Wyoming School Boards Association (WSBA) conference back on November 17th in Casper. The presentation highlighted the important work that WSUP and the Wyoming State Board of Education are collaborating on as it pertains to the Ellbogen case study of Wyoming's high school transition programs across the state. Presenters included: WSUP Director Dr. Leslie Rush, Ph. D. Candidate Kristy Palmer, Project Coordinator Nicholas Jesse, Coordinator for Wyoming State Board of Education Diana Clapp, and Member of the Wyoming State Board of Education Mark Mathern.

Check out the [full presentation](#) and the [interactive map](#) which provides an at-a-glance look at the transition programs around Wyoming.

Education Community Updates

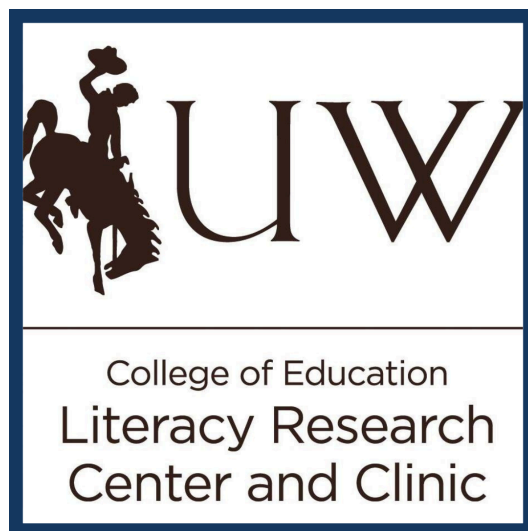
Carol Mead Leaders in Literacy Award Recipients

Two winners were awarded the Carol Mead Leaders in Literacy Award from the College of Education Literacy Research Center and Clinic. The co-winners were Jennifer Hayward, Title I reading teacher at Pinedale Elementary School and Melanie Hornbeck a librarian in the Laramie County Library Systems



Free Literacy Leadership Course for K-12 Educators

Check out this [free course](#) developed by the UW LRCC for current K-12 educators. Literacy Leadership I is a great opportunity to increase literacy leadership skills. Share this opportunity with teachers in your network who need PTSB credit to renew their teaching license. The course must be completed before December 31st and will be offered again next semester.



Opportunities to Share



Education Trunks

The Wyoming State Museum's [education trunks](#) provide hands-on learning to more than 4,000 students each year. These trunks provide teachers with materials to deliver engaging lessons to their students, within their own classroom. Each trunk contains human artifacts and animal biofacts from the museum's teaching collection along with corresponding curricula to help teachers inspire students.



Wyoming MTSS Coaching Institute Community of Practice

The Wyoming Department of Education is holding monthly Community of Practice sessions. The purpose is to provide ongoing support and updates on relevant topics associated with MTSS implementation as well as technical assistance on their implementation modules.

[All virtual sessions](#) will be held from 3:30 - 4:30 pm on the third Wednesday of the month.



Safe and Just Schools - Social Justice Conference

The Wyoming Education Association is holding the [Safe and Just Schools Conference](#) February 24-26, 2023 in Cheyenne. At this conference expect to learn from fellow Wyoming educators about how we can make Wyoming public schools safe, just, and inclusive. The conference will host keynote speaker Jeff Mack, the Executive Vice President of the Matthew Shepard Foundation.

We encourage you to send this newsletter to your network contacts.

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