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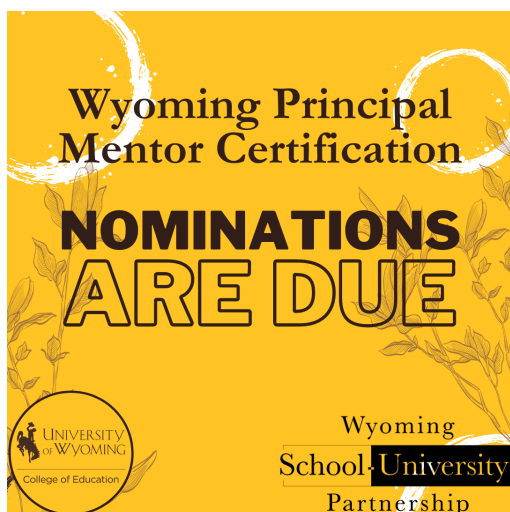
August 2023 | The Latest Updates from WSUP

And just like that, summer 2023 is a wrap. Like you, we can't believe it has already come to a close, but we are excited to share with you some incredible resources and opportunities to look forward to during the fall semester. We hope you had a fruitful and fun-filled summer. Welcome back!

Partnership Updates

Governing Board Meetings

Feel free to review the [minutes and materials from the July 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, October 25, 2023 and will be a hybrid meeting**. A calendar place-holder will be sent out in September.



Nominations Due for the Wyoming Principal Mentor Certification

Just a reminder that nominations for the Wyoming Principal Mentor Certification Program are due no later than **Friday August 18th**.

[Learn more and submit a nomination.](#)

PTSB Best Practices

Take a moment to [watch this insightful presentation](#) on PTSB Best Practices given by Brendan O'Connor, Executive Director of the Professional Teaching Standards Board here in Wyoming.

If your district, education organization, or higher ed institution has personnel with best practices that you'd like to highlight, please take a moment to fill out this brief [survey](#).

Education Community Updates



WTMC Fall Retreat

The Wyoming Teacher Mentor Corps (WTMC) will be meeting September 26th and 27th for the WTMC Fall Retreat where members of both cohorts will gather to continue their mentor training. Over the past year and a half, 20 teachers from around the state have worked to hone their mentoring skills to support early career teachers. We would love for you to join us as they share their work and recommendations to education leaders and decision makers about organizing priorities, valuing teachers' time, and the incredible work happening with WTMC. Please RSVP no later than September 15, 2023 by emailing WSUP Director, [Colby Gull](#) or WSUP Project Coordinator, [Nicholas Jesse](#).

Districts represented include:

Albany 1, Big Horn 1, Big Horn 3, Carbon 1, Carbon 2, Converse 2, Fremont 1, Goshen 1, Laramie 1, Natrona 1, Park 1, Park 6, Sheridan 1, Sublette 9, Sweetwater 1, Sweetwater 2, Teton 1, Uinta 4, Washakie 1, Washakie 2, and Weston 1.

New English Language Arts and Social Studies Content

The Wallop Civic Engagement Program has new English language arts and social studies content for Wyoming teachers in anticipation of the school year. Topics of these multimedia packages range from female homesteaders to Martin Luther King Jr., and align with state standards. All are on the [free Wallop K-12 catalogs](#) in UW's WyoLearn. Daniel McLane, a teacher at Riverton High School shared: "This has been my favorite way to cover Wyoming standards...and students enjoy this activity."



The content has been made possible in part through a National Endowment for the Humanities grant.



Get Wild, Wyoming

The Wyoming Department of Education is launching the Get Wild, Wyoming initiative in partnership with Wyoming State Parks, Wyoming Game and Fish, and the Wyoming Department of Health. This program focuses on supporting the overall mental and physical wellness of a child through nature-based education.

[Read More](#)

Upcoming Conferences and PD Opportunities

University of Wyoming
LITERACY CONFERENCE

HIGH-QUALITY VOCABULARY
INSTRUCTION IN GRADES P-12

 **SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 16**



Dr. Dianna Townsend
Professor



Dr. Doris Baker
Associate Professor



Gary Soto
Children's Author

Don't forget to [register](#) for the upcoming Fall Literacy Conference happening September 16 on the University of Wyoming Campus. Registration is due by September 8th, 2023. [Check out the full schedule.](#)



Safe Student Alliance Conference

Join the Wyoming Department of Education for the Safe Student Alliance Conference happening September 25-26, 2023. This conference aims to bring together administrators, educators, law enforcement, and experts to discuss and address important issues related to student safety and mental health, while providing valuable insights, strategies, and resources. Attendees will receive a \$500 stipend for their attendance.

[Learn more and get registered.](#)

Innovations in Learning Conference

Save the date for the Innovations in Learning Conference hosted by the Wyoming Department of Education on November 2-3 in Saratoga, Wyoming. This year's theme is Innovations through STEAM and is an exciting opportunity to explore innovative teaching and learning strategies for all modes of delivery.

[Learn more.](#)



Educational Resources To Share



The [Afterschool Alliance](#) is partnering with [Create & Learn](#) to offer 10 free coding activities designed to engage and educate young minds. These activities are available for grades 2-7 and your students can enjoy up to two sessions for free.

[Learn More](#)



Accessibility in Education: Open-Access Journal

The University of Wyoming Libraries hosts an open-access journal specifically focused on accessibility in education. The journal is intended for audience members that teach Pre-K through higher education and provides lesson plans, along with other items, which educators can tap into and adapt to their individual needs.

[Read more about the journal.](#)



Judicial Learning Center

Take a moment to look through the Judicial Learning Center (JLC) webpage where you can find educational resources like games and lesson plans for your students. These resources were developed with WDE Social Studies Standards in mind and engage students of every age with the state's judicial branch of government.

[Learn more.](#)



SPARX

Registration is open for formal and informal educators of grades K-12 to join NASA this fall in Sparking Participation and Real-world eXperiences in STEM (SPARX). SPARX is a free educator professional development opportunity that provides teachers with on-demand training and access to an exclusive online community of practice.

[Learn more and register.](#)

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