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# Wyoming School-University Partnership

## January 2024 | The Latest Updates from WSUP



Happy new year and welcome to 2024! As we embrace the new possibilities, let us set our sights on a year filled with growth, learning, and inspiration.

### Partnership Updates

#### Governing Board Meetings

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 31st, 2024 and will be a virtual meeting](#). A calendar place-holder has been sent out with a link for meeting materials.



**Supporting and advocating  
for exemplary school-university  
partnerships.**



#### WSUP to Join National Association of School University Partnerships

At our October meeting the Governing Board voted to join the [National Association for School-University Partnerships \(NASUP\)](#), formerly National Association of Professional Development Schools (NAPDS). The WSUP Executive Committee is planning to attend the NASUP conference March 24-26, 2024 to learn more about the organization, while engaging with other School-University Partnerships on a national level.

## UW Achieves National Community Engagement Designation

The University of Wyoming has been nationally recognized by the American Council on Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for its commitment to serving the people of Wyoming. **The Partnership and Trustees Education Initiative** were highlighted for their initiatives to help address Wyoming's K-12 teacher shortage and to build a network with pre-K providers around Wyoming such as [WYECON](#) and the [Wyoming Early Childhood Professional Learning Collaborative](#).



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## Wyoming Education Best Practices

Take a moment to watch the full video of our most recent Wyoming Education Best Practices presentation which was given by Wyoming Education Association's President Grady Hutcherson back at our October Governing Board Meeting.

Follow our [Wyoming Education Best Practices Youtube Channel](#).

## Education Community Updates

### University of Wyoming

### WYOMING TEACHER MENTOR CORPS



**Nominations Are Open**  
January 8th - January 26th



**FOSTERING Teacher Excellence**

The Wyoming Teacher Mentor Corps is accepting nominations now through January 26, 2024. The WTMC program is designed to support excellence in mentorship for Wyoming educators and develop a community of Mentor Fellows who can support each other and those who are new to the field.

[Submit Your Nomination](#)

Share your district's ARP & ESSER success stories.



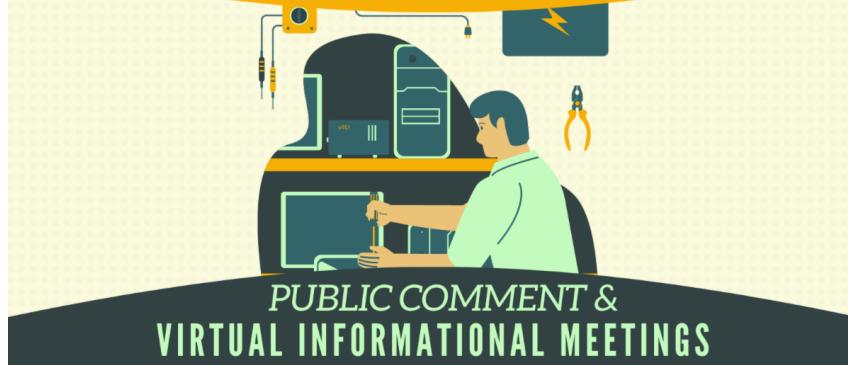
**Wyoming Education Association**

The Wyoming Department of Education is seeking public comment on the proposed **Wyoming State Plan** for the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V). The act provides federal funding for secondary and postsecondary career and technical education in Wyoming. The 2023-2024 federal award to Wyoming is \$5.8 million. In order to continue to receive funds, Wyoming must submit a plan for Wyoming Career and Technical Education (CTE) for 2024-2028.

## ARP/ESSER Fund Success Stories

The Wyoming Education Association is continuing to capture stories surrounding how districts have used their ARP/ESSER monies in an effort to highlight the successes that districts have seen through projects which utilized these funds. Please contact [Grady Hutcherson](#) if you would like your district to be highlighted.

## CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION



[Informational meetings](#) will be held virtually on:

- Wednesday January 17 at 1:30 pm
- Monday January 22 at 4:00 pm

Public comment can be submitted [online](#) or via [mail](#).

## Stronger Connections Grant

The deadline has been extended for districts interested in applying for the competitive Stronger Connections Grant. Applications are due on **February 9, 2024**. Interested districts should complete an intent to apply to receive the application and guidance documents.

[Learn More](#)

## STRONGER CONNECTIONS GRANT

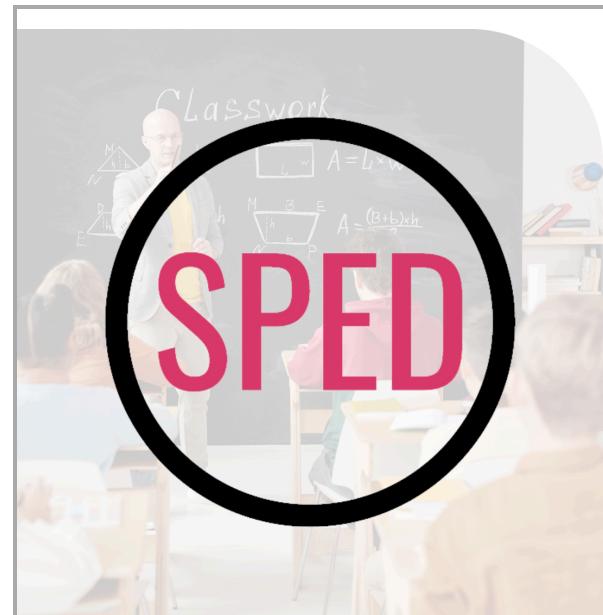


## Upcoming Conferences and PD Opportunities



### MTSS Center Virtual Training

Join Wyoming Multi-Tiered System of Supports in a series of webinars designed for leaders to evaluate their leadership in the planning and implementation of the MTSS framework. Participants will learn how they can support and enhance the implementation of MTSS in their schools. These sessions will take place January 18th and February 1 of 2024.

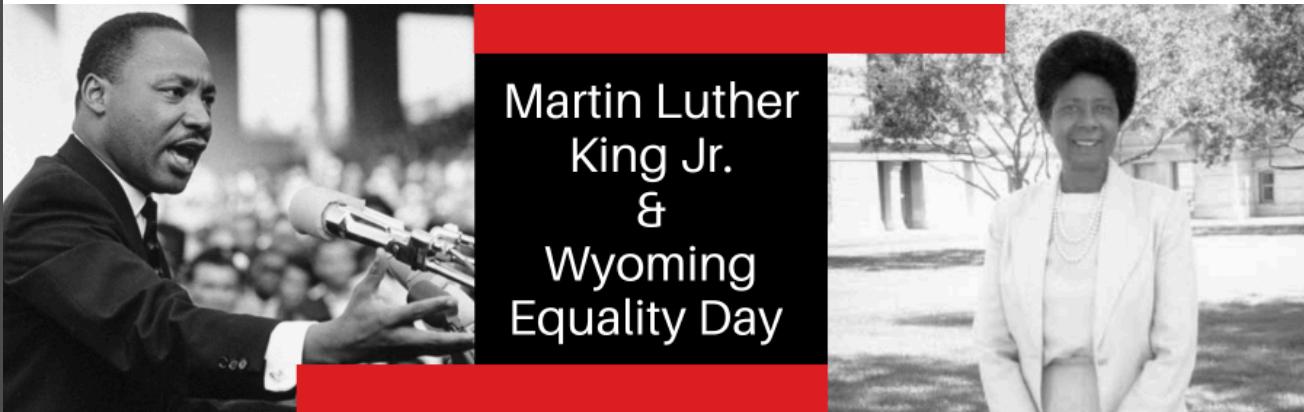


### Supporting Educators to Improve Student Functional and Behavioral Outcomes

The Wyoming Department of Education's Special Education Programs Division is offering a five-session Community of Practice that will support teachers in implementing classroom structures which improve student functional and behavioral outcomes. These sessions will run January through March of 2024.

[Sign Up](#)[Register Here](#)

## Educational Resources To Share



This past Monday we celebrated Martin Luther King Jr./Wyoming Equality Day. President Ronald Reagan signed a bill in 1983 that established Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a nationally observed holiday. It was not until 1986 that it was first observed; 2000 was the year in which all 50 states observed the holiday. In 1990, through the efforts of State Senator Harriet Elizabeth Byrd, Wyoming's state legislature passed a bill that established Martin Luther King, Jr./Wyoming Equality Day as a state holiday.

[Learn More](#)

### NASA Power to Explore Student Challenge

The writing challenge invites K-12th grade students in the US to explore radioisotope power systems, a type of nuclear battery integral to many of NASA's space missions. Students are then asked to write



### EngineerGirl Writing Contest

Calling all aspiring writers! EngineerGirl's 2024 writing contest: "The Secret Life of Everyday Items" allows students grades 3-12 to dive into the untold stories of the objects that grace their daily lives.



### Vermont Pitch Challenge

The Vermont Pitch Challenge opened on January 15 and gives high school entrepreneurs from across the globe the chance to pitch innovative business that make a difference in their communities. Along the way

an essay about a new powered mission for the agency.

Deadline for submission is January 26, 2024.

[Get Started](#)

Deadline for submission is February 1, 2024.

[Learn More](#)

they will learn from top experts about how to write a business plan, create a compelling pitch, and achieve their goals. Cash prizes and scholarships to the University of Vermont are available. This challenge is open to Wyoming students.

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