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To: Superintendents, Directors (HR, Special Education, Curriculum, Business Services, Other Educational Entities), and Principals

From: Nish Goicolea, PTSB Executive Director

RE: Computing Technology, Digitizing Project, Online System (ECS), Temporary Hardship Permit Option, Facebook page, PTSB Stakeholder Visits, and Upcoming Board Meetings

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

My goal as the Executive Director is to always have open communication and transparency within the agency, with my staff, my supervising Board of Directors, and all stakeholders. This is an update regarding our recent board meeting, changes, and projects PTSB is working on. Please contact me, or any member of the team for questions or more information.

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More resources for our stakeholders are the PTSB Board Members who each represent different areas of the Wyoming education community. Our current Board Members are:

Board Member	Position
Rachel Gibson	Elementary Teacher
Shawn Peck	Elementary Teacher
Jennifer Schultze	Secondary Teacher
Liesl Sisson	Secondary Teacher
Jason Wheeler	Secondary Teacher
Dan Mayer	Auxiliary Professional Services
Leslie Rush	Approved Programs Faculty
Ray Reutzel	College of Education Dean
Aaron Jensen	Community College Faculty
Liann Brenneman	Elementary Principal
Tracy Ragland	Secondary Principal (Board Chair)
John Lyttle	Central Office Administrator
Janice Marshall	School Board Member

DIGITIZING PROJECT

PTSB is still digitizing all records and as of January 22, 2018, agency staff has scanned over 15,000 files and is about halfway done.

ONLINE SYSTEM: EDUCATOR CREDENTIALING, ASSIGNMENT VALIDATION, AND REPORTING SYSTEM

PTSB Board Staff is continuing to finalize the new system with Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) and its vendor. The project is anticipated to go live March 2018. Training and correspondence will be forthcoming as we move closer to the implementation date.

COMPUTING TECHNOLOGY

An exception authorization (EA) for “Computing Technology” has been approved through the rules promulgation process. This EA allows any educator to teach a Computing Technology (Computer Science) course aligned to a district-approved professional development plan. The Board Office, in consultation with the greater Computer Science stakeholder group, is currently working on a document with a model plan and explicit instructions on the parameters of this new avenue for districts to utilize as a resource.

PTSB RENEWAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

PTSB is looking into a new online option for facilitators to utilize to capture workshop attendees and renewal credits. This new system uses QR codes to log in and out of courses and workshops that will sync with the PTSB office. This new system will be piloted for the first time this summer at the Coach’s Clinic.

TEMPORARY HARDSHIP PERMIT OPTION

PTSB presented the findings and introductory options by the stakeholder taskforce assigned to investigate the need and parameters for a Temporary Hardship Permit that districts may be able to utilize for hard-to-fill-positions. This taskforce has met three times thus far. The PTSB Board has asked the taskforce to continue researching and defining the options that may be potentially tied to this permit option.

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT GUIDE

PTSB is working to update the Professional Conduct Guide.

PTSB FACEBOOK PAGE

PTSB now has a Facebook page that has informational segments about the licensing process, highlights Wyoming education, and other related information. Like us today at facebook.com/WyoPTSB

PTSB STAKEHOLDER VISITS

If your district would like PTSB Staff to visit in person or virtually, please contact the PTSB office at 307-777-7291. The staff members at PTSB are always available as a resource for your district needs.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

The following PTSB Meetings have been scheduled. Other meetings may be scheduled as necessary to conduct Board business. To receive notice of Board Meetings and agendas, contact Ashley Graham at ashley.graham@wyo.gov.

- **Board Meeting: March 26, 2018- Casper**
- **Board Retreat: June 18-19, 2018- Cheyenne**

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS

We are available and open to all discussions that fall within the agency parameters of program approval, discipline, and licensure. The PTSB is actively working to improve dialogue, implement changes proactively, be a resource, and plan for the future to meet our mission “to ensure that every student is served by competent, ethical educators, who meet rigorous performance standards” in Wyoming. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.