



PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD

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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: Digitizing Project, Online System (ECS), Computing Technology, Micro-Credentialing, Dual Language Immersion (DLI), Science Generalist, Professional, Industry & Career Permit (PIC), Temporary Hardship, Website, Move.

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
vacant	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 nearly done digitizing all records and, as of June 2018, agency staff has scanned nearly 25,000 files. This project will be completed by the end of August 2018.

ONLINE SYSTEM: EDUCATOR CREDENTIALING SYSTEM

PTSB has contracted with a new vendor, inLumon, to create its educator credentialing system. inLumon recently finished the Nevada educator credentialing system and have contracted with numerous other licensing agencies in Wyoming, Nevada, and California. Board Staff are working to finalize the new system with inLumon. The project is anticipated to go live within the next year. Training and correspondence will be forthcoming as we move closer to the implementation date.

COMPUTING TECHNOLOGY

An exception authorization (EA) for “Computing Technology” is in place. This EA allows an 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, has model plans, a professional development plan template, and instructions on the parameters of this new avenue for districts and applicants to utilize as a resource.

MICRO-CREDENTIALING

Micro-credentialing is being researched by PTSB as a possible way to recognize professional development programs by awarding a badge to educator certificates. Micro-credentialing is focused on competency-based learning to acquire skills. UW is working on implementing a pilot-program in conjunction with the WAVE conference. Other pilot programs being considered are in computer science and leadership skills. PTSB has a committee comprised of UW and WDE representatives collaborating on this new arena of professional development. Numerous other states and organizations that have begun implementing micro-credentialing models have been contacted by PTSB for research purposes.

GENERAL SCIENCE ENDORSEMENT

The PTSB Board recently voted to begin the rules promulgation process to bring back the general science endorsement. This rule change is currently available for public comment.

DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION (DLI) EXCEPTION AUTHORIZATION (EA)

The PTSB Board recently voted to begin the rules promulgation process to modify the dual language immersion exception authorization. This rule change is currently available for public comment.

PROFESSIONAL INDUSTRY & CAREER PERMIT (PIC)

The PTSB Board recently voted to begin the rules promulgation process to modify the PIC permit. This change would allow alignment with industry credentialing standards. This rule change is currently available for public comment.

NEW LOCATION

We have officially moved office locations. We are still in the City Center Building, however, we have moved from the 4th floor to the 1st floor (Suite 100). The new space is working out wonderfully and the staff is enjoying their new accommodations to better serve our customers. Many applicants have come in and have commented on the positive atmosphere and bright environment.

NEW WEBSITE

The new website is complete and was unveiled at the June Board meeting. Please visit our website at wyomingptsb.com. We now have a page called “PTSB Downloads” where districts and educators can find downloadable forms and other documents. We are working on updating all of our downloadable items in the coming weeks.

PTSB STAKEHOLDER VISITS

If your district would like to schedule 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 October 8, 2018- Casper, Wyoming**
- **Board Meeting January TBD (virtual)**

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS

We are available and open to all discussions that fall within the agency parameters of program approval, discipline, and licensure. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns you would like to share with PTSB, please do not hesitate to contact our office. 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.