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From: Brendan O'Connor, PTSB Executive Director

RE: Director's Memo

The school year is halfway through, and we are into Wyoming winter where we'll see sub-zero temps one week followed by record highs the next. As ever, I appreciate how you manage the fluctuations in both of those settings.

RULES CHANGES FINALIZED

The rule changes for Chapters 4, 5, and 6 were signed by Governor Gordon on January 31, 2024 and are now in effect. The current rules can be found on the PTSB website:

<https://wyomingptsb.com/home/rules-and-regulations/>.

In a nutshell:

- Chapter 4 - creates a new Elementary Math Specialist, and Hunter Education endorsements.
- Chapter 5 - eliminates the COVID-EA, clarifies requirements for the Dual Language Immersion (DLI) EA, and creates an EA option for non-higher education related alternative routes to licensure programs.
- Chapter 6 - creates an Apprentice permit only for individuals employed as an apprentice through a WDE recognized participating employer school district, and who are enrolled in a degree program that will lead to licensure.
 - The Board will consider the fee for this permit at a future meeting.

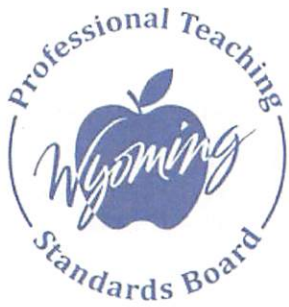
SUBCOMMITTEE WORK

Over the past few months I have been facilitating subcommittee meetings on the following topics as directed by the Board. Recommendations made by these committees will be presented at future Board meetings.

- Re-activating the Special Education Director endorsement
- Recommendations for the UW College of Education's proposed Dual Language Immersion and combination ESL/DLI programs
- Early Childhood Special Education endorsement options for Child Development Centers

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024.



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PTSB PRESENTATIONS

I appreciate the invitations and opportunities to present to a variety of professional organizations. Over the next few months I will be presenting at a Wyoming Charter School Authorizing Board meeting, and at the Wyoming School Personnel Association (WASPA) annual meeting. PTSB Licensing Specialists will be at the UW Teacher Fair in March. Please contact us if your association or district would like a chance to ask questions and get more information about PTSB.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS

We are available and open to all discussions that fall within the agency parameters of licensure, educator discipline, and program approval. 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 continues to engage our stakeholders, 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!

Brendan O'Leary