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State Board of Education seeks feedback on attributes of director

CHEYENNE – The Wyoming State Board of Education is using three different avenues to collect education stakeholder feedback in its search for the Director of the Wyoming Department of Education.

The State Board of Education will host an online stakeholder forum April 18 and a teleconference on April 19 by Ray and Associates regarding the Director of the WDE search. The State Board and Ray and Associates are also partnering to collect feedback through an online survey. Information on participation in the online presentation and teleconference are listed below.

Ray and Associates was hired by the Wyoming State Board of Education to assist in the search for a Director of the Wyoming Department of Education. The firm is located in Cedar Rapids (Iowa) and, at the direction of the Wyoming State Board of Education, is seeking input from local school districts, local school board members, education stakeholders and Wyoming Department of Education employees.

Ray and Associates is not looking for input regarding whether or not a director should be hired, but, rather the characteristics and qualifications Wyoming stakeholders wish to see in their next Director of the Wyoming Department of Education.

“Our ultimate goal is to provide the best possible candidates to serve Wyoming’s children,” said Ray and Associates Principal, Gary Ray. “We are deeply honored and committed to this search and to an open and transparent process.”

One information session will be offered online through the Wyoming Department of Education’s Blackboard Collaborate tool (see below for more information). The presentation will be held at 6 p.m. on April 18 and is slated to last approximately one hour. The second information session will be offered through conference call on April 19 at 12 p.m. and will also last one hour. Those who wish to offer input can do so right from their homes using either their computers or their phones.

The teleconference is scheduled for 12 p.m. on April 19. To join the conference, dial 1-877-278-8686 and input the meeting number 863277.

Ray and Associates also seeks information on the characteristics and qualifications of the next Director of the Wyoming Department of Education through an online survey. To participate in the survey, please go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5R2KXSL> and complete the research-based survey. The survey also has a section for additional comments. The comments will be submitted in writing to the State Board and will assist in the development of the position profile.

The survey is open until April 22 at 8 p.m. Mountain Time. To contact a member of the Ray and Associates team for more information, email may be sent to glr@rayassoc.com.

For more information on the search, the survey or the presentations, please contact Chelsie Bailey at 307-777-6213 or Chelsie.Bailey@wyo.gov

In order to join the online presentation follow the directions below to install the Blackboard tool on a computer. Blackboard Collaborate is not compatible at this time with iPads.

The Link to join the Blackboard Collaborate is:

http://tiny.cc/WDE_Participant or

<https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/launch/dropin.jnlp?sid=vclass&password=0DG15IPQCRZU5XBHR150>

Please treat this link as you would any other public meeting space. This webinar platform should be accessed only at the scheduled time and date of the event. (Blackboard does offer a public platform that can be accessed at any time.)

Webinars are collaborative and interactive online experiences. If you are new to Blackboard Collaborate, please visit the "Tutorial and Documentation" links below. Prior to attending any sessions, we strongly suggest that you use the "System Check" links below to confirm that your system is properly configured. These are simply one-time technical checks and, in the future, you will not need this process unless you switch computers.

System Check:

Configuration - Verification that your computer's operating system and Java are supported through Blackboard

Collaborate's Configuration page: <http://support.blackboardcollaborate.com/ics/support/default.asp?deptID=8336&task=knowledge&questionID=1473>

Demo Room - If you will be using a microphone (or web-cam), Blackboard Collaborate has a demo room that can be used to verify the connection to these devices through the "Audio Setup

Wizard": <https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/jwsdetect/meeting.jnlp?sid=345&password=M.A2DE26587EB74583B59A0F8AAD0CC4&username=Test>

Tutorial and Documentation:

Online Orientation

(Video): <http://www.brainshark.com/blackboardinc/vu?pi=zGLzYw5XBz35Sgz0>

On-Demand Learning

(Documentation): <http://www.blackboard.com/Platforms/Collaborate/Services/On-Demand-Learning-Center/Web-Conferencing.aspx>.

