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WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FEATURED IN CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Two-day event to discuss accreditation policies and protocol

CHEYENNE - AdvancED's 32nd Annual School Improvement Conference is slated for March 3-4 at the Parkway Plaza in Casper and will feature a strong Wyoming Department of Education presence. This spring's conference has updates on AdvancED accreditation policies and protocols for Wyoming schools.

The conference will get underway Monday morning and feature comments from WDE Director Rich Crandall. Staff from the WDE will present six additional times that day. Times and subjects of WDE presentations on March 3-4 include:

March 3

12:35 - An Update on the Wyoming Growth Model and School Performance Reports

12:35 - WDE Smarter Balanced Professional Development Projects

2:05 - Using the New ACT Reports

2:05 - Unpacking the Next Generation Science Standards

3:35 - An Update on the Wyoming Growth Model and School Performance Reports

3:35 - Update on the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards

Of course there is more to the School Improvement Conference than WDE presentations. Among the highlighted presentations are the 21st Century skills sessions presented by the TIE (Technology and Innovation in Education) Network, and will feature two keynote speakers sure to enlighten and inspire: Vicki Davis of "The Flattened Classroom" movement and Debbie Silver, educational consultant and humorist. Debbie's session is sponsored by one of AdvancED's partners, GEAR UP Wyoming.

AdvancED Wyoming also honors outstanding educators during its Excellence in Education Banquet, which is held in conjunction with the spring conference. Among the honors being awarded at the banquet are: Wyoming Excellence in Education awardee; Wyoming Teacher of the Year; Superintendent of the Year; High School Principal of the Year; Assistant Principal of the Year; Elementary Principal of the Year; Special Education Director of the Year; Curriculum Director of the Year; Blue Ribbon Schools; and Title I Distinguished School.

For More information on the confernece or to register, visit the [School Improvement Conference website](#) or contact Geri Fitzgerald at gfitzgerald@advanc-ed.org or 307.399.9819.