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### **State Board of Education approves school restructuring plans**

**Cheyenne** – The Wyoming Board of Education approved two school restructuring plans during its regular board meeting on Thursday in Casper.

The plans were submitted by Cooperative High School of Carbon County School District 1 and Johnson Junior High School of Laramie County School District 1. The plans were required under Wyoming Accountability Plan and Workbook because the schools had been identified as in need of improvement under Wyoming’s Adequate Yearly Progress requirements for five consecutive years.

In accordance with Public Law 107-11- Section 1116 (b)(8), a school that has not met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in the same content area for five or more years is identified for restructuring. The school’s local education agency (LEA), aka district office in Wyoming, must create a plan to restructure the school. If the school does not make AYP for six years, the district must implement this plan.

Upon completion of creating the plan, it must receive approval from the district school board. The Wyoming Department of Education will then review the plan and then comment and/or solicit changes if needed. Under the law, the Wyoming State Board of Education must then review and approve the plan.

The plans range in how the school action plans will be modified. While restructuring plans can encompass changes in staff, it is not the only option available to school. Other changes can include an overhaul of the systems and programs in place for learning or the environment that is provided for learning.

A team of district and school officials, state department staff, parents and students are members of a team that develops the restructuring plan. The team examines what is the best way to affect change and drive school improvement. Instituting nationally recognized research-based systems of learning is a common example of the type of change that can occur.

“The schools have taken an look at how they can improve their performance,” Bill Anthony, Wyoming Board of Education Chairman said. “I believe the plans we approved will help these schools meet the future benchmarks of AYP.”

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