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### MEMORANDUM NO. 2008 - 042

**TO:** School District Superintendents and  
School Principals

**FROM:** Dr. Jim McBride, Ed.D. 

**DATE:** March 21, 2008

**SUBJECT:** School Safety Summit

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### INFORMATION TO SHARE

On April 16, 2008, a statewide school safety summit will be held in Cheyenne at the Holiday Inn. It will be a full-day event that will feature three nationally known speakers. Please see the enclosed two items; a brochure containing additional information and speaker bios, and a registration form.

There is no tuition to attend. However, there are only about 250 seats available. Please contact the Facilities and School Safety Consultant, Bruce Hayes, at 307-777-6198 or [bhayes1@educ.state.wy.us](mailto:bhayes1@educ.state.wy.us) if you have any questions.

Thank you for your work that keeps schools safe.

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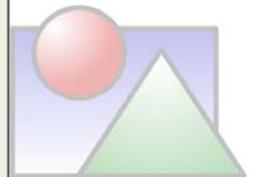
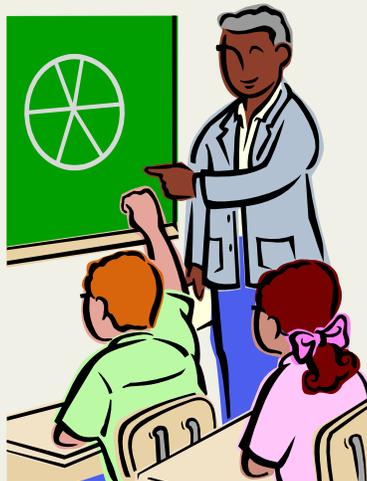
Enclosure

2008  
Wyoming School Safety Summit  
*A Gathering of Communities  
for the Children*

Wednesday, April 16, 2008  
8 A.M. – 5 P.M.

A gathering of Wyoming communities of concerned citizens, parents, school officials, police officers and emergency personnel for an in-depth exploration and discussion into the causes of school violence and methods of preventing and managing it.

Sign up for this **free** seminar.



## 2008 Wyoming School Safety Summit

Sponsored by the following generous organizations:  
Cheyenne Police Department, Cheyenne Police Protective Association, Wyoming Department of Education,  
Laramie County School District Number One, Wyoming Project Guardian, Youth  
Alternatives of Cheyenne,  
Laramie County Juvenile Diversion Program at the District Attorney's Office in coordination with the  
Department of Family Services, and Laramie County Sheriff's Department

# Wyoming School Safety Summit

**What:** A seminar to provide training for all those concerned about violence in our schools.

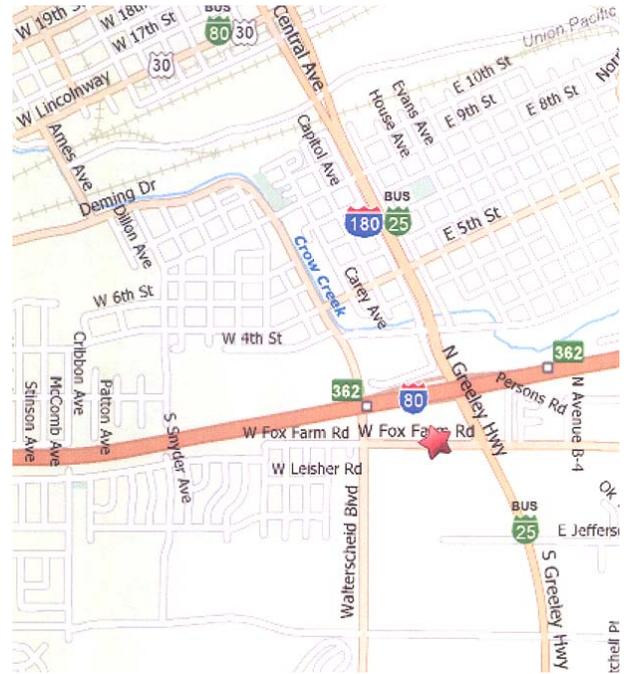
**When:** Wednesday, April 16, 2008  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Where:** Holiday Inn – Cheyenne  
204 W. Fox Farm Road  
307-638-4466  
A block of rooms has been reserved for this seminar. Mention “School Safety Summit” for the discounted room rate of \$70/night. April 1, 2008 is the deadline for making reservations.

**Who:** School officials, parents, community members, police officers and first responders from Wyoming communities.

Wyoming PTSB and POST accredited.

**Cost:** **Free of charge**  
This safety summit is limited to the first 250 people that sign up, so don't delay. You won't want to miss this exciting, informative seminar.



## Agenda

Check In	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Welcome by Officer Ara Maljian	8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Dr. John Nicoletti	8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Mr. Ron Avery	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Lunch*	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Dr. Jim McBride	1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Col. David Grossman	1:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wrap Up by Officer Ara Maljian	4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

\*Lunch will be provided at no cost to attendees along with snacks for breaks.

## Speakers

**Officer Ara Maljian** served honorably in the US Air Force for seven years and has been with the Cheyenne Police Department for over 18 years as a patrolman, detective, crisis negotiator, firearms trainer, and school resource officer. As a school resource officer, husband and father of two, he'll share his experience, passion and cutting edge ideas and programs that he has facilitated and implemented in his agency and school in the area of violence prevention and management.

**Dr. John Nicoletti, Ph.D.**, has been a police psychologist and consultant in the Denver area for more than 25 years, specializing in the field of violence and violence prevention. He is a sought-after national expert in the area of workplace and school violence and co-authored, among other books, *Violence Goes to School*. Dr. Nicoletti will help us understand the different types of offenders and provide better methods for preventing potential violence. His web site can be viewed at [www.n-fa.com](http://www.n-fa.com).

**Mr. Ron Avery** is president and director of the Practical Shooting Academy, Inc., and has been a professional trainer and consultant for the past 26 years. He is a former police officer and internationally recognized as a researcher, writer, trainer and world-class shooter. Ron has expanded into the area of school safety and security and was recently contracted to train Laramie County School District Number One officials. He will share his experience and insight into prevention and proactive management of violence by school officials. His web site can be viewed at [www.practicalshootingacademy.com](http://www.practicalshootingacademy.com).

**Keynote speaker Col. Dave Grossman**, U.S. Army (Ret), is director of Killology Research Group, LLC, an organization committed to the study of reactions of healthy people in killing circumstances and the factors that enable and restrain killing in these situations. He is an internationally recognized scholar, author, soldier, consultant and speaker who is one of the world's foremost experts in the field of human aggression and the roots of violence and violent crime. He is the author of *On Killing* and co-authored *Stop Teaching Our Kids to Kill*. Col. Grossman's presentation will help us better understand the root causes of violent crime in our schools. His web site can be viewed at [www.killology.com](http://www.killology.com).

### **James M. McBride, Ed.D.**

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Jim McBride brings professional experience as a teacher, principal, superintendent, Air Force officer, academy instructor, technology director and community college president to his current position as Wyoming's Superintendent of Public Instruction.

In August 2005 Dr. McBride was selected by Governor Dave Freudenthal to complete the unexpired term of the former State Superintendent of Public Instruction. As a result of the November 2006 election, Jim was elected to that position and will continue to oversee public education in Wyoming for the next four years. He will also serve with the Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Auditor on the State Lands and Investments Board, the State Board of Deposits, and the State Building Commission. He is a member of the School Facilities Commission and the State Board of Education. He is an ex-officio member of the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees and the Community College Commission.