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TO: School District Superintendents
Curriculum Coordinators
Career and Technical Education Coordinators
Technology Coordinators
Assessment Coordinators
Principals
Virtual Education Coordinators

FROM: Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer

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SUBJECT: Computer Science Resources

AVAILABLE COMPUTER SCIENCE RESOURCES AND TRAINING

As educators and students prepare for the beginning of the school year, the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) wants everyone to be aware of the resources available for educators centered around computer science. These resources are available on the Boot Up Wyoming web page.

The WDE has highlighted the three components of the Computer Science Curriculum Matrix, which provides information on various curriculum options for districts. The matrix details course options and length, hardware requirements, unplugged activities, alignment with standards, and more.

- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School

With support from Microsoft TechSpark Initiative, the WDE has added another Strategic CSforALL Resource & Implementation Planning Tool (SCRIPT) training series in Afton. The Afton training series will be held on the following dates: Sept. 16-17, 2019, March 4, 2020, and Sept. 16, 2020. Districts are required to apply to attend and space is limited.
The one-year script training starts with a two-day workshop. During the workshop, school district or charter school teams will be led through a series of self-assessment and goal-setting activities to develop a computer science education vision and roadmap on how to get there. The goal of the workshop is for district teams to build or expand upon their computer science education implementation plans.

The Professional Teaching Standards Board (PTSB) has developed new and refined pathways for educators to receive their computer science endorsement. This memo from the PTSB directors provides information about the revisions to computer science endorsement pathways.

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