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2014-2015 STUDENT ENROLLMENT PASSES 93,000 MARK

LCSD1 IS LARGEST DISTRICT; SHERIDAN #3 IS SMALLEST

CHEYENNE - Student enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year has increased from 92,218 to 93,303, according to data compiled by the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE).

"Our enrollment is up about two percent this year, which is consistent with Wyoming's overall population growth, according to census data," said WDE Data Governance Coordinator Leslie Zimmerschied. "There were no real surprises."

Laramie County School District 1 remains the state's largest district with 13,761 students. Natrona County District 1 trails slightly as the state's second-largest district with a count of 13,059. Rounding out a list of the state's five largest districts are Campbell County District 1 (9,134), Sweetwater District 1 (5,719), and Albany County District 1 (3,834).

The state's smallest district is Sheridan County District 3, which has 84 students; Washakie County District 2, with 91 students, is the state's second smallest district. Park 16's student population fell to 109.

"Sheridan 3 only decreased by 12 students, but that constitutes the largest change as a percent of the total enrollment (-12.5%). Fremont 24 increased by 9.4%, the largest increase in the state this year," said Zimmerschied.

The enrollment numbers are collected by the Wyoming Department of Education's WDE684 Teacher-Course-Student data collection, which was reported by districts on Oct. 1, 2014. The enrollment is a student-level collection, which counts each individual student including his/her enrollment and demographic information.

To find complete enrollment statistics contained in the Wyoming School District Statistical Report Series 2, visit this page: <http://edu.wyoming.gov/data/statisticalreportseries2>.

The WDE uses enrollment data as part of a formula for school block grant funding and the student-level data also drives statistics such as the state's student-to-teacher ratio requirement, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), The Wyoming Accountability in Education Act (WAEA) and Proficiency of Wyoming Students (PAWS). Enrollment data are collected through the WDE684 Collection and are made public through the state's online Statistical Report Series #2.

The WDE collects this student-level data from districts through use of a secure portal which uses a high-level encryption algorithm. It is then stored in a secure location where only authorized personnel have access. Data are only reported to the public in aggregates to protect confidentiality.

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