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# SUPERINTENDENT BALOW SELECTED TO VISIT CHINA FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION LEADERS DIALOGUE

**CHEYENNE** – Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow will travel with a U.S. Delegation of seven other State Superintendents to Shanghai, China for the U.S. – China State/Provincial Education Leaders Dialogue on May 12-14, 2015. The U.S. – China Dialogue offers an opportunity for leaders of education in the United States and China to learn from one another on advancing reforms of the education system.

Discussion topics will include professional development, rural schools, technology, assessments, 21st century skills, evaluating teachers, and more. The trip will also include visits to local schools to learn more about China’s system in practice.

“It is an honor to be part of the U.S. Delegation in the U.S. – China Dialogue and see China’s educational structure firsthand,” said Superintendent Balow. “They have gone through significant societal shifts to accommodate a modern education system, have focused heavily on transitions into higher education, and have developed strong partnerships with business.”

The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) will cover costs for the U.S. Delegation.

The U.S. Delegation traveling to Shanghai in May 2015 includes:

- Jillian Balow, Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Randy Dorn, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Washington
- Michael Hanley, Commissioner of Education & Early Development, Alaska
- Joy Hofmeister, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Oklahoma
- Denise Juneau, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Montana
- Michael Martirano, State Superintendent, West Virginia

- Brad Neuenswander, Kansas Interim Commissioner of Education
- Carey Wright, State Superintendent of Education for Mississippi
- Deb Delisle, Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education
- Maureen McLaughlin, Senior Advisor to the Secretary and Director of International Affairs, U.S. Department of Education
- Vivien Stewart, Senior Advisor, Asia Society
- Jeff Wang, Director, Education and China Learning Initiatives, Asia Society
- Stephanie Hirsh, Executive Director, Learning Forward
- Brian Gong, President of the National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment
- Scott Marion, Vice President, National Center for the Improvement in Educational Assessment
- Chris Minnich, Executive Director, CCSSO
- Margaret Millar, Director of Member Services and Outreach, CCSSO

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