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INFORMATIONAL STATE BOARD MEETING CALLED ON STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF SUPPORT

CHEYENNE - There will be a special meeting of the State Board of Education at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 to discuss the statewide system of support. Per W.S. 21-2-204(f), a progressive multi-tiered system of support, intervention and consequences shall be established by the state board.

A proposal from the WDE was tabled by the board during their meeting on July 27 and State Superintendent Jillian Balow says it was clear the board wanted more information, "The administrative committee of the State Board had several questions about the statewide system of support and this meeting is the best way to ensure that questions are answered by all members of the board and the WDE. The statewide system of support is a critical step in ensuring that school districts receive the support they need to improve student achievement."

The WDE has recommended that year one of the system of support include the following components:

- 1. Strengthen education leadership in Wyoming
- 2. Establish a coherent approach to Professional Learning Communities throughout all Wyoming school districts
- 3. Utilization of comprehensive school improvement planning
- 4. State system of support strategic planning for implementation

The statewide system of support will be an action item during the board's regular meeting on August 13. If approved, activities to support Wyoming schools will begin immediately.

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