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WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INTRODUCES TEACHER CABINET

Group of 15 teachers will offer input on policy to director and WDE staff

CHEYENNE - The Wyoming Department of Education selected a 15-member Teacher Cabinet last December in Cheyenne, calling for teacher input to department initiatives.

Members of the cabinet committed to an 18-month term beginning January 2014. During their term, Cabinet members will participate in monthly teleconference meetings with WDE Director Richard Crandall and WDE leadership.

“When I first came to Wyoming it became obvious that we have some fantastic teachers and the idea in creating the teacher cabinet was, why don’t we have these great teachers across Wyoming weigh in on big policy decisions that are affecting them, their schools and their students,” said Crandall.

In addition to providing input on policy implementation, Cabinet members will support statewide communication efforts, including contributing to a new teacher newsletter, maintaining a blog, and assist with recruitment efforts for teachers and leaders needed for professional development opportunities.

The inaugural cabinet members represent a cross section of geographical locations, as well as grade and subject levels. The teachers represent 11 different counties in Wyoming and were selected from 146 applicants statewide.

The Teacher Cabinet members are:

Teacher	District	School	Level	Content Area
• Brooke Seitz	Carbon 2	Encampment School	K-12	Fine/Perform. Arts
• Bridget Dubberly	Laramie 1	Jessup Elementary	6	ELA, SS
• Brandee Mau	Campbell 1	Campbell County High	10-12	Foreign Language
• Cassie Gambler	Fremont 38	Arapahoe School	1	ELA, Math, SC, SS
• Cynthia Porter	Converse 1	Douglas High	9-11	Math
• Jennifer Simmons	Big Horn 4	Riverside High	9-12	ELA, ACT Prep
• Jenn. D'Alessandro	Park 1	Westside Elementary	K-5	SPED
• Katherine Boehnke	Natrona 1	CY Junior High	6-8	Foreign Language
• Kelsey Lewis	Teton 1	Red Top Meadows	6-12	ELA, Math, CVE, SPED
• Laura Drake	Laramie 1	Goins Elementary	3	ELA, Math, SS, Sc
• Laurie Graves	Sheridan 1	Big Horn Elem.	5	ELA, Math, Science, SS
• Liesl Sisson	Platte 1	Wheatland High	9-12	Math
• Mauro Diaz	Natrona 1	Dean Morgan JH	8	Science
• Nikki Poelma	Laramie 2	Albin Elementary	K	Math, ELA, Science
• Stephen Wright	Sweetwater 1	Rock Springs JH	5-8	CVE, Data Processing/Comp.

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