

WDE Chief of Staff Chad Auer

Chad Auer was selected by Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction Brian Schroeder to fill the position of Chief of Staff on February 14, 2022.

Chad believes that frontline educators are absolutely essential to Wyoming's future, and is committed to doing his part to support teachers, parents and administrators across Wyoming; he also believes that every child, regardless of ethnicity, socioeconomic status, ZIP code, or disability deserves the best in the state's education efforts. Lastly, he believes that a key component to a thriving school environment is the genuine collaboration between parents and educators at the local level.

Chad, who was adopted and raised by his parents Ken and Becky Auer in Niwot, Colorado, was educated in the Colorado public school system, and said he is particularly grateful to all of his teachers particularly both his fourth-grade teachers (he repeated the grade) for their diligence in giving him a solid foundation on which to build his educational journey.

His diverse work background includes working as a classroom teacher, school administrator, law clerk, small-town mayor (Firestone, Colorado, 2008-2014), educational consultant, and attorney. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Science (Biology) from Colorado State University, a Master's Degree of Arts, Education Administration, Leadership & Policy from the University of Colorado, and his Juris Doctor Degree, from the University of Wyoming.

The father of three - Zach, 23, Sophie, 21, and Ben, 18 - Chad has lived in Cheyenne since 2016 and is married to Megan, a Nurse Practitioner. His hobbies include travel, working with horses, golf and fly fishing.