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TO: District Superintendents
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FROM: Brent Bacon, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: May 22, 2017

SUBJECT: Virtual Education Advisory Committee

VIRTUAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is excited to announce the creation of the Virtual Education Advisory Committee.

During the 2017 legislative session, the Legislature passed Senate File 35/Enrolled Act 57, which made significant revisions and additions to Wyoming's virtual education system. A critical component of the statutory changes includes the formation of the Virtual Education Advisory Committee. This advisory committee is tasked with recommending modifications to rules, policies, practices and procedures, and serve in an advisory capacity to school districts to improve the delivery of virtual education courses across the state.

The Virtual Education Committee members are:

- Zeta Anderson, Virtual Education Parent
- Nick Bellack, Professional Teaching Standards Board
- Jamie Christensen, Sweetwater County School District #2
- Laurie Davis, Campbell County School District #1
- Affie Ellis, Wyoming Legislature - Senate
- John Freeman, Wyoming Legislature - House of Representatives
- Steve Hopkins, Natrona County School District #1
- Nancy Johnson, Western Wyoming Community College
- R.J. Kost, Park County School District #1

- Angelique Littlejohn, Niobrara County School District #1
- Mike Maloney, Sweetwater County School District #1
- Richard Parker, Big Horn County School District #1
- Summer Stephens, Weston County School District #7
- Katie Swistowicz, Fremont County School District #21
- Jeff Verosky, Wyoming Virtual Academy

The Virtual Education Advisory Committee will meet May 24 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Jefferson Room at 970 N. Glenn Road in Casper. A regular meeting schedule will be established and future meetings will be posted on the WDE Virtual Education [webpage](#).

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