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# School Board Memo

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*Thank you to all you attended the Legislative Forum and reception on Sunday. It was nice to see everyone and we hope the information and time were beneficial!!*

## MESSAGE FROM WSBA PRESIDENT

The National School Boards Foundation 5K Walk and Run is fun and healthful and will be held right on the beautiful waterfront of San Diego this year. I urge you to sign up and run for a good cause and for your own good fun. It would be great to see everyone from Wyoming out to walk or run on Sunday morning in San Diego. Just click on the attachment and it will take you to where you register. Jackie and I have already registered, (we were the second and third ones signed up) and we hope to see you at the start and finish line in San Diego.

See you in San Diego,

**Gregg Blikre**  
**WSBA President**

## AMERICA'S HEALTHIEST SCHOOLS

**Rawhide Elementary School** in Gillette (**Campbell County School District No. 1**) has been ranked second as one of the nation's "Healthiest Schools" by *Health* magazine. Education officials in every state were asked for school nominations based on food and nutrition, fitness and activity, health education, and healthy building materials and practices. Rigorous criteria from the state of Wisconsin and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's [Healthy Schools Program framework](#) was used to score nominees. The top-10 schools were reviewed by an [expert panel](#), and each panelist awarded a score to each top-10 school; these scores were added to each school's first-round score to yield the final ranking.

## NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR WYOMING HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The search is on for Wyoming's History Teacher of the Year.

Sherry Tavegie, Wyoming state coordinator for Preserve America, at the University of Wyoming, says the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History will honor outstanding educators who have at least three years of classroom experience in teaching American history in an elementary school.

To qualify, teachers must have at least three years experience and show commitment and above-average creativity in teaching American history.

Winners of the sixth annual award will be announced from each state and U.S. territory, and from this group one national history teacher of the year will be selected by a panel of historians. Each winner will receive a \$1,000 award and an archive of primary-source historical materials for the winner's school library.

Educators can be nominated by department or division heads, school directors, social studies directors, principals or superintendents. Nominations are due to Tavegie, by April 15. For nomination materials or more information, call Tavegie at (307) 766-3213 or e-mail [wga@uwyo.edu](mailto:wga@uwyo.edu).

### **YALE DISTINGUISHED MUSIC EDUCATOR AWARD**

School administrators are invited to nominate exceptional music educators in their schools to receive the **Yale Distinguished Music Educator Award**. Fifty teachers from around the country are selected for their outstanding accomplishments in teaching music in public schools. This year's award winners will attend the 2009 Symposium on Music in Schools in New Haven, Connecticut on June 10-11, 2009. Nomination forms and information are available at <http://yale.edu/music/outreach>. Please hurry-- nominations are due February 15, 2009!

### **WYOMING GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT FUND (WGIF)**

The Liquid Asset Series **7-day yield is 1.04%!**\* (as of 2/6/09)

**Please contact Mary Keating-Scott, Bret Jones or Dick Waggener at 1-800-442-2861 for more information.**

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We look forward to hearing from you!

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