

## **Professional Teaching Standards Board for 2005-2006**

### **Wyoming Quality of Life Results**

**Education:** Students are successfully educated and prepared for life's opportunities.

### **Professional Board**

Professional Teaching Standards Board

Reports to the Department of Administration and Information

### **Contribution to Wyoming Quality of Life**

The Mission of the Professional Teaching Standards Board (PTSB) is to ensure every student is served by competent, ethical educators who meet rigorous performance standards. Its charge is to protect the residents by providing consumer protection for public school personnel in Wyoming. The PTSB acts in accordance with the highest standards of ethics, accountability, efficiency and openness. The Board strives to provide firm and fair regulations with efficient and effective service.

### **Basic Facts**

The PTSB is authorized six full-time positions - two professionals, the director and program consultant and four support staff, one executive secretary, one administrative assistant and two evaluators. The budget receives no funding from the general funds, supporting itself on fees (Fund 111 \$512,857 for 05-06). The staff is overseen by a thirteen member volunteer board appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, composing of six teachers and three administrators of public schools, a dean and one faculty of approved teacher preparation programs, one community college faculty, and one current member of a Wyoming school district board of trustees.

Functions of the PTSB include:

- Issuing and revoking certification for teachers, administrators, auxiliary professional services and permits for substitute teachers, coaches, and other permitted individuals. The PTSB has 22,000 active files, handling approximately 5,000 files a year.
  
- Establishing program standards and approves teacher preparation programs for certification and establishing reciprocity agreements with out-of-state universities and colleges. The PTSB has approved instate programs at the University of Wyoming, Western Community College and Northwest College and out-of-state partnerships with Black Hills State University, Regis University Montana State University-Bozeman, Bemidji University, and University of Phoenix.
  
- Evaluating current teachers (8,000) for highly qualified status following the federal guidelines in No Child Left Behind and shares this data with teachers, school districts and Wyoming Department of Education.
  
- Evaluating and tracking the PTSB workshops (887) and districts staff development plans (41) for content and renewal credit.

**Performance**

The PTSB, as with all licensing boards, does not submit a strategic plan.

**Story Behind the Last Year of Performance:**

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**What has been Accomplished**

The Northern Plains Transition to Teaching Program (NPTT) at Montana State University-Bozeman, was extended for a fourth year partnership. This federal grant is giving financial assistance to Wyoming teachers, who are teaching in high needs school districts.

In conjunction with NPTT the PTSB has a partnership with Western Certification Consortium (WSCC) and 11 states. Last year, it identified areas of portability and distance-deliver alternatives pathways for special education teachers within the participating states.

As part of Wyoming's compliance to No Child Left Behind (NCLB), the PTSB collected data on all teachers reported on the 2005-2006 staff listing and evaluated them for highly qualified status. This information was recorded in the PTSB data bases. Also, as compliance to NCLB, the PTSB implemented testing for all teachers new to the profession. Applicants who have not met the testing requirement are given one year to comply.

In support of Senate Enrolled Act 33 and with a subsidy grant from the federal government administrated by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), the PTSB continues to oversee the funding for Wyoming teachers seeking National Board Certification. During 2005-2006, 106 teachers became candidates and 148 have enrolled for 2006-2007. The PTSB works closely with the Ellbogen Foundation, which has matching funds and has organized and sponsored workshops for the NBC candidates.

**Supplemental Budget Implications.**

None.