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WHSAA HOSTS STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT

The WHSAA hosted a Statewide Transportation Summit on Monday, June 6, 2016 at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper. The Summit was the first of its kind, and brought over one hundred Superintendents, Principals, Activities Directors, Business Managers, Transportation Directors, Wyoming Department of Education personnel and School Board members from around the state together to discuss Wyoming K-12 school travel.

The Summit discussed best practices and strategies to reduce travel mileage and to decrease lost instructional time for each school district. Common goals were also established for future strategies. “We believed it was important to get all the different level of administrators and stakeholders together in the same room to share and brainstorm ideas that will be effective in reducing travel costs,” said Ron Laird, Commissioner of the WHSAA. “We realize the Legislature has some difficult budget decisions in front of them, and we want to be proactive in assuring them that we all want to be a part of the solutions. We appreciate that the Legislature has supported education through its funding and that they realize the positive benefits of activities for our students.”

The WHSAA will evaluate all sports and activities and make proposals to its membership to assist in the process of increasing the efficiency of travel and instructional time. “It was a very productive day and just the beginning of what I believe will be a great team effort by all stakeholders to reach a common goal,” said Laird.