



**SWEETWATER COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT #1**

Agenda Item 10-a

Recommendation for approval of a resolution authorizing the District to act in concert with other similarly impacted districts, to seek legal review of school finance legislation and its compliance with mandates of the Wyoming Constitution.

BOARD RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING LEGAL ACTION
AGAINST THE STATE OF WYOMING

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Supreme Court has ruled the right to a quality education is a fundamental right under the Wyoming State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Constitution guarantees the children of Wyoming an equal opportunity to a quality education, regardless of where a student attends school; and

WHEREAS, supporting an opportunity for a complete, proper, quality education is the legislature's paramount priority; and

WHEREAS, competing priorities not of constitutional magnitude are secondary; and

WHEREAS, the legislature may not yield to these secondary competing priorities until constitutionally sufficient provision is made for elementary and secondary education; and

WHEREAS, because education is one of the State's most important functions, lack of financial resources is not an acceptable reason for failure to provide a constitutionally sound education system; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming's education system is not currently being funded according to these constitutional mandates and governing law, resulting in harm to this District; and

WHEREAS, this Board has diligently exhausted all potential means to resolve this conflict without pursuing legal action; and

WHEREAS, these efforts to work with the State to resolve this conflict have proved unsuccessful.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board, by a majority, agrees to authorize legal action against the state of Wyoming to ensure education funding complies with the Wyoming State Constitution and applicable governing law.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Sweetwater County School District

Number One, State of Wyoming:

Signature/Title

Date