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To: Joint Education Interim Committee
From: Ryan Fuhrman, Chairman
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Re: Update on Profile of a Graduate Discussions

The State Board is moving forward with conversations around the potential for identifying graduation standards through the development of a Wyoming Profile of a Graduate. As described in my last presentation, the board has created a [three phased plan](#) to develop a graduate profile. Additionally, a design team of state and local leaders has been tasked with establishing the processes to be used in the completion of each phase, including assuring multiple and varied opportunities for input are offered to the public.

Summary of the phases

Phase I: Finding the Foundation involves an audit of existing graduation practices and policies, as well as gathering perception data by hosting conversations with a broad range of stakeholders.

Phase II: Producing the Profile will utilize data from Phase I to develop a draft Profile of a Graduate.

Phase III: Setting the Standards focuses on utilizing the profile to produce a matrix of possible approaches to graduation standards and collecting further public input before final approval of graduation standards.

The board has begun work on Phase I with the formation of the [Design Team](#) to plan the approach for gathering input from stakeholders across Wyoming. In addition, phase one involves identifying existing studies and data collections that may be applicable to determining what it should mean to be a high school graduate.

The board is encouraged by the initial interest of stakeholder groups in joining this work and the commitment of time and expertise of those serving on the Design Team. The board extends an invitation to any legislator interested in joining the Design Team and welcomes each JEIC member to help promote the importance of high school graduation by posting their graduation photo to the SBE's [Facebook](#) page and on [Twitter](#) using the hashtag #WYOgrad. When posting on Twitter, participants should tag the SBE @WYStateBoardEd.