

## 2025 Legislative Session: How Can I Help?

### *The bills we're watching now*

- [HB100](#): Allows for anyone over the age of 18 who can pass a background check to become a teacher or administrator.
- [HB199](#): The universal voucher bill which will take nearly half a billion dollars away from public schools over the next decade, with no accountability whatsoever.
- [HB 200](#): This creates disciplinary measures for teacher and districts who violates legislation related to student's well being, use of pronouns, activities considered "DEI," making curriculum available online, and more.

### *To help you get started*

- With the discussions and potential bills coming out of this year's legislature, many of you have expressed the desire to become involved – which is absolutely vital to helping stop the dangerous legislation that's been introduced. For more details visit the [WEA Legislative Hub](#) and check out our [2025 Bill Tracker](#).
- Your local has the power to decide what local actions you would like to take. Grassroots ideas that involve local WEA members as well as parents, business leaders, and others in the community have significant value and tend to be noticed by legislators.
- Many locals have funds to help pay for possible expenses, and we encourage you use those funds. If spending money is a concern, reach out to [WEA President Kim Amen](#) for possible financial support of your projects.
- Remember: the bullets below are just a sample of some things you can do. You and your colleagues may have other ideas that you'd like to try. We welcome your creative plans to engage legislators across the state.

### *Quick and Easy*

- **Contact your legislator and Superintendent of Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder.** Remember, these elected officials are there to serve you – their constituents. Feel free to email, call, or text them. Be respectful, but let them know where you stand on the issues.
- **Share social media.** You can find some information about these bills on various social media platforms (including WEA's Facebook page). Feel free to share on your pages as well.
- **Talk with people.** You have a circle of people who need to know your thoughts – speak with your friends, your family, your circles, even potential WEA members. Let them know about the issues and why they should care what happens with Wyoming's public education.

### *A Little More Effort, But Worth Doing*

- **Write a letter-to-the-editor for your local newspaper.** You can find details about the bills at the links above; share your thoughts about these issues with your community. Especially in Wyoming, these letters will get read.
- **Encourage non-members to join WEA.** Times like these are why unions are vital – the strong our membership and greater solidarity we have, the more influence there will be with elected officials and the legislation they consider.
- **Speak at the Capitol.** If you're in or plan on coming to Cheyenne, there are opportunities to speak at committee hearings or to engage your legislator with a one-on-one conversation. They need to hear your voice!
- **Hold public demonstrations.** Know and follow your local ordinances, but a group of people speaking together can be a powerful tool in a community.
- **Connect with you legislator at home.** Many senators and representatives return home for the weekends during session; it may be a great time to chat with them about the issues facing the people in your area – and to share the value of Wyoming's public education system. A group of educators could invite them to coffee for conversations.
- **Write postcards.** Whether going solo or hosting a card-writing party, share your thoughts with legislators through the tried-and-true method of the written word. You don't need printed postcards; purchase blank ones or design your own.