

Wyoming Legislature
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION



Orientation Session Four
GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION
EDUCATION FUNDING
REVENUE *and* BUDGET ISSUES

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House of Representatives Chamber
Wyoming State Capitol
Cheyenne, Wyoming

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011

Welcome Back

- 8:00am** **Meet and Greet Fellow Legislators**
All Legislator Faculty
- Icebreaker over coffee and pastries

Welcome to the Club

- 8:15am** **Your Challenge Now**
Pete Simpson, former Wyoming Legislator

State Government Organization

- 8:45am** **Organization of the Judicial Branch**
Justice Barton Voigt, Wyoming Supreme Court
Joann Odendahl, Supreme Court Administrator
- Supreme Court
 - District courts
 - Circuit courts
- 9:15am** **Working with State Agencies**
Welcome from Governor Matt Mead
- 9:30am** **Organization of the Executive Branch**
Dave, Gruver, LSO Assistant Director for Legal Services
- Cabinet-level agencies
 - Separate operating agencies
 - Boards and commissions
 - Quasi-governmental entities
 - Elected officials
- 9:45am** **Break**
- 10:00am** **State Tax Structure**
Mark Quiner, LSO Assistant Director for Administration
Matt Sackett, Research Manager

K-12 Education Issues

- 10:30am** **Understanding the Legislator's Role in Education**
Dave Nelson, School Finance Manager
Josh Anderson and Matt Willmarth, LSO
- Assessment/accountability
 - K-12 School Finance
 - School Foundation Program Account, CapCon Account, Fiscal Profile
 - Capital Construction
- 12:00pm** **Lunch**
- 1:30pm** **Understanding Education (continued from morning)**

Show Me the Money

- 2:30pm** **State Revenue Overview**
Bill Mai, LSO Budget and Fiscal Section Manager
- State revenue overview
 - Fund types and investment
- Budget Process**
- Governor's responsibility
 - JAC responsibility
 - Budget terms
 - What's in and what's not
 - Supplemental request
 - Budget bill process (mirror bills)
 - Consensus Revenue Estimating Group (CREG)
 - Reading the Goldenrod (fiscal profile)
- 3:30pm** **Break**
- 3:45pm** **Historical Revenue and Expenditures**
- Revenues vs. appropriations
 - Standard budget vs. revenue
 - Major expenditure categories
- 5:00 p.m.** **Questions and Adjournment**
- Reminder to review rules "homework"

