***WYOMING K-12 EDUCATION FUNDING***

**• THE MONEY**

1995 – The first Campbell County Wyoming Supreme Court decision. State education spending was $5,168 per student.

2019 – Wyoming spending per student was $15,966, second highest in the country.

**• THE RESULTS, PART 1 (NAEP)**

1996 – Fourth Grade reading, 2.5% above national average

2019 – Fourth Grade reading, 3.3% above national average

1996 – Fourth Grade math, 0.4% above national average

2019 – Fourth Grade math, 2.4% above national average

1996 – Eighth Grade Math, 1.6% above national average

2019 – Eighth Grade Math, 1.9% above national average.

***“Scoring above the U.S. average is not an accomplishment to be touted because most policymakers and educators across the country view the U.S. average student performance as being inadequate.”***

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2019 – Reading Proficiency

Fourth Grade, 40.55% are proficient or better

Eighth Grade, 33.93% are proficient or better

2019 – Math Proficiency

Fourth Grade, 47.8% are proficient or better

Eighth Grade, 37.14% are proficient or better

***Are these the results you expect for $16,000 per student, per year?***

***Are these results satisfactory to you?***

**• THE RESULTS, PART 2 (WY-TOPP)**

2019 – Fourth Grade English/Language Arts, 49.12% proficient or better

Eighth Grade English/Language Arts, 60.72% proficient or better

Tenth Grade English/Language Arts, 52.76% proficient or better2019 – Fourth Grade Math, 52.95% proficient or better

Eighth Grade Math, 54.48% proficient or better

Tenth Grade Math, 45.20% proficient or better

***“These performance levels are not adequate for graduates to access jobs in the higher skill, higher wage economy Wyoming is trying to build.”***

From the 2020 Wyoming Education Recalibration Report.

Sources:

Wyoming Legislative Service Office; Wyoming Taxpayer’s Association;

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP); Wyoming Test of Proficiency and Progress (WY-TOPP); Pincus Odden & Associates, December 1, 2020 Recalibration Report

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