

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0009

Local control of schools.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hageman, Burns, Huckfeldt,  
Miller, D. and Wasserburger and Senator(s)  
Job, Meier and Scott

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to local control of public  
2 schools.

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4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING,  
5 two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting  
6 separately, concurring therein:

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8 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming  
9 Constitution, Article 7, Sections 1 and 11 is proposed for  
10 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the  
11 next general election for approval or rejection to become  
12 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a  
13 majority of the electors at the election:

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15 **Article 7, Section 1. Legislature to provide for**  
16 **public schools.**

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2 The legislature shall provide for the establishment and  
3 maintenance of a ~~complete and uniform~~ system of public  
4 instruction, embracing free elementary schools of every  
5 needed kind and grade, a university with such technical and  
6 professional departments as the public good may require and  
7 the means of the state allow, and such other institutions  
8 as may be necessary. The public elementary and secondary  
9 schools shall be under the control and management of  
10 locally elected boards of trustees, but the legislature may  
11 require the degree of uniformity in the public schools it  
12 deems appropriate, provided the legislature does not  
13 violate the provisions of section 11 of this article. The  
14 legislature may provide for the certification of any class  
15 of employees of the public schools it deems appropriate and  
16 may provide for state controlled schools it deems needed  
17 for special purposes.

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19 **Article 7, Section 11. Textbooks.**

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21 Neither the legislature nor the superintendent of public  
22 instruction nor any other state agency shall have power to  
23 prescribe text books or particular methods of instruction  
24 to be used in the public schools.

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2           **Section 2.** The Secretary of State shall endorse the  
3 following statement on the proposed amendment:

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5 The adoption of this amendment preserves local control of  
6 the public schools. It allows the legislature to require  
7 the degree of uniformity it deems appropriate, but forbids  
8 the legislature from requiring specific textbooks or  
9 teaching methods. It also allows the legislature to  
10 establish qualifications for teachers and other personnel  
11 and to provide for special purpose state controlled  
12 schools.

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