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**WHSAA to Build a New Building**

*Casper, Wyoming:* The Wyoming High School Activities Association (WHSAA), Granite Peak Development (GP), LLC, and the Casper Area Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (CAEDA) have entered into a collaborative effort that will result in a new building for the WHSAA. Granite Peak has donated land for the building, while CAEDA will provide partial funding to assist in the completion of the building.

“The WHSAA is truly grateful for the generosity of Granite Peak and CAEDA in assisting us with establishing our roots in Casper for to next forty to fifty years,” says Ron Laird, Commissioner of the WHSAA. “We appreciate the fact that these two organizations recognize the economic impact our association brings to this community. With the continued growth of responsibilities of the WHSAA and the number of requests we receive to use our building from the varied groups we serve, this building will provide benefits statewide”

According to Scott Sutherland, President and CEO of CAEDA, “We are excited about this collaboration as it will have a significant, ongoing, positive impact in the community.” Figures provided by the Casper Area Convention and Visitors Bureau for State Culminating Events that have been hosted here for the last four years have resulted in an approximate \$13,350,000 economic impact. “This is a direct shot in the arm for many of the area retailers and other merchants and will have a positive impact for years to come” said Sutherland.

The building will be located in the new Creekside Professional Plaza which is being built and developed by Granite Peak Development, LLC on the east side of Casper.