

School Administrators of Montana



Visionary leaders united in providing, advocating, and creating education excellence for Montana students!

SAM Contemporary Issues – UM Education Leadership Team–2/20/20

SAM was organized as an association for administrators in 1971. It represents the interests, aspirations, and professional leadership of Montana administrators. Over 1050 members network under six affiliate associations ([MASS](#), [MAEMSP](#), [MASSP](#), [MCASE](#), [MACSS](#), [META](#)) to promote GREAT Montana Schools, supporting leader's passion for providing an outstanding education to Montana's children!

The [SAM Strategic Plan 2018-22](#) (adopted by the SAM Board 10/18/18) outlines the benefits being a SAM member affords each education leader through their contributions to the greater good of the education community to inspire our students...

Leadership Involved in Decisions that Impact Education

- AKA – SAM members working together to literally have a seat at the table (input) on all efforts that impact the education of Montana's children.
- [Recruitment and Retention of Quality Educators Update](#)
 - [RISE4MT Update 1-16-20](#)
 - [MT 2018 R&R Study Results](#) , [Infographic](#) and [Summary](#) implications on future recruitment & retention efforts
 - [Educator Recruitment and Retention](#) webpage
 - [HB 211](#) – loan repayment for critical educator shortages. [Resources to Implement](#)
 - [Montana Rural School Virtual Career Fair](#)
- [GREAT 2019](#) released at MCEL 2019, Oct 16-18 in Billings for school district use
- [2019-20 Leadership Staffing Report](#) tells the story of efficient, effective administration
- [School Safety](#) and [MT-PEC Project Safe Schools](#) and [Suicide Prevention](#)
- [SAM Needs Assessment 2020 Executive Summary](#) and the [SAM Needs Assessment Data Disaggregated by Affiliate 2020](#) provides information for our association's future professional learning, advocacy and items important to our attention toward.
- [Broadband Connectivity Progress](#), [ESH Report](#) and [Montana Progress Report](#)
- [DPHHS Rules on Healthy Learning Environments in Schools](#)
- [META Launches](#) Montana Student Privacy Alliance ([MTSPA](#)) to protect online student information
- [MT Advanced Opportunity Act](#) and [Transformational Learning](#) Update

Advocacy

- Legislative Interim Advocacy – [Committees](#), [Upcoming](#)
- SAM Delegate Assembly 2020
 - [Call for Positions and Resolutions 2020](#) – deadline May 1
 - [SAM 2019 Advocacy Priorities, Positions, Resolutions Approved 10-18-19](#)
- [Federal Issues](#)
- [Espinoza vs. MT Dept of Revenue](#) – [SCOTUS Blog](#), [Ballotpedia](#), [MQEC Update](#)

Professional Learning and Services

- Professional learning opportunities for educational leaders aligned with best practices research and innovative strategies.
- The [SAM Leaders Professional Learning Program \(LPLP\) 2019-20](#) is a best practices professional learning delivery system that personalizes learning for Montana administrators. Over the past 6 years, SAM LPLP has supported 420 administrators in meeting their personalized professional learning needs. In 2019-20, 90 administrators have joined the LPLP, forming ten [Collegial Learning Networks](#) with coach/mentors to personalize a professional learning plan enhancing their ability to serve their students, school and community! See the [SAM LPLP 2019-20 Mid Year Executive Summary](#).
- [MT-PEC Collaborative Professional Development Flexibility & Efficiency - Framework](#)
- [SAM Administrators Institute 2020](#) - “Tell Your Story” - July 27-29 Helena Delta Hotel
- [MCEL 2020](#) planning underway. [MCEL 2019](#) “Each Child. Every School” [Program](#) gives you info on the sessions offered and the [Jamie Vollmer](#) “Great Conversation” keynote.
- SAM annually assists in the operation of 11 conferences creating learning opportunities for our members. See the ‘Professional Learning’ ‘[Conferences](#)’ tab on the website.
- [Montana Principals Conference 2020](#) (January 26-28 at Fairmont Resort)
- [SAM Membership 2019-20](#)
- [SAM Youth Endowment](#) – help a worthy student/family through the Endowment
- [SAM and Affiliate Awards](#) – [Current Award Opportunities](#)
- SAM developed web-based communication tools for the use of our Members. Click [HERE](#) to see the instructions on how to use the E-list tool. Click [DOCUMENT](#) or [VIDEO](#) to learn how to use SAM Community Forums.
- Member benefits: Affiliate regional meetings, [SAM Bulletin](#) and weekly [SAM Update](#), colleague networks, state and federal advocacy networks, legal assistance, professional liability insurance, technology embedded solutions including website, cloud-based solutions, use of social media, E-Lists, digital [Community Forums](#) to enhance member communication, many more...

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