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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