

School Administrators of Montana



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

SAM Update – MSU EDLD 655 MT Legal & Policy Issues – 6/25/19

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 1-9-19](#) and [MUS Rural Educator Recruitment and Retention Task Force](#).
 - [MT Critical Quality Educator Shortage Report 2018-19](#)
 - [MT 2018 R&R Survey Results](#) and [Summary](#) implications on future recruitment & retention efforts.
- [GREAT 2018](#) - The Great Work of Montana's Public Schools volume VI was released at MCEL on 10-18-18, see the [Press Release](#) available for you to tell the story about your local schools.
- [Montana ESSA](#) and [ESSA Implementation Plan](#). [ESSA Montana School Report Card](#) and [School Report Card Data Details for Districts](#) released 4/30/19.
- [School Safety](#) and [MT-PEC Project Safe Schools](#) and [Suicide Prevention](#)
- [Broadband for MT Schools Program](#), [Broadband Expansion ESH Report and 2019-20 Work Plan](#)
- Negotiated Rule Making Committees – [Student Assessment](#) and [MT Hazard & Emergency Response](#)
- The [SAM Needs Assessment 2019 Executive Summary](#) and the [SAM Needs Assessment Data Disaggregated by Affiliate 2019](#) provides information for our association's future professional learning, advocacy and items important to our attention toward.

Advocacy

- [2019 Legislative Session, SAM 2019 Legislative Session Summary](#)
- [MT-PEC plans for unified professional development funding, flexibility, efficiency - Framework](#)
- [Delegate Assembly 2019](#)
- [Federal Advocacy](#)

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 5 years, the LPLP has supported nearly 350 administrators. See the [SAM LPLP 2017-18 Executive Summary](#). LPLP formed [Collegial Learning Networks](#) with coach/mentors to personalize a professional learning plan enhancing their ability to serve their students, school and community! Review the [SAM LPLP 2018-19 Mid Year Executive Summary](#) to see the significant progress being made. The SAM LPLP has recently added the Washington Foundation as a business sponsor!
- [SAM Administrators Institute 2019](#), scheduled for July 29-31, 2019 in Helena – get ready for “The Montana HOW”! – intended to engage and prepare you and your team for the 2019-20 school year!
- [MCEL 2019](#) (October 16-18, 2019) “Each Child. Every School.” will be in Billings and planning is underway.
- SAM annually assists in the operation of 11 conferences creating learning opportunities for our members. See the ‘Professional Learning’ ‘[Conferences](#)’ tab on the website.
- [SAM Membership 2018-19](#) and [SAM Membership 2019-20](#)
- [SAM Youth Endowment](#) – help a worthy student/family through the Endowment.
- [SAM and Affiliate Awards](#)
- SAM continues implementation of association management software (MemberClicks) upgrading our website, database and tools for all SAM members. 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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