**School Administrators of Montana**

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

**SAM Update - MSU EDLD 566 Supervision Sp Ed Programs** – 6/19/19

**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](http://www.sammt.org) available for you to tell the story about your local schools.
- **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](http://www.sammt.org) and [MT Hazard & Emergency Response](http://www.sammt.org)
- 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!
- [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) upgradng 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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