

School Administrators of Montana



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

SAM Update - MSU EDLD 645/655 – 6/23/20

SAM was organized as an association for administrators in 1971. It represents the interests, aspirations, and professional leadership of Montana administrators. Over 1080 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...

SAM [Executive Director's Strategic Plan Report for 4th Quarter 2019-20](#)

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.
- [COVID-19 Information for Schools](#)
- [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 Schools Virtual Career Fair](#) – March 13, 2020 – [Details](#)
- [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](#), [One-Pager 6/8/20](#)
- [DPHHS Rules on Healthy Learning Environments in Schools](#)
- [Student Data Privacy/Terms of Service META Project](#) – [HB 745](#) – [Launch](#) – [MTSPA](#)
- [SAM Administrator Vacancy Report 2019-20](#)

Advocacy

- [SAM Delegate Assembly 2020](#)
 - [SAM 2019 Advocacy Priorities, Positions, Resolutions Approved 10-18-19](#)
 - [Call for Positions and Resolutions, Selecting Delegates](#)
- Legislative Interim Advocacy – [Committees, Upcoming](#)
- [Federal Advocacy](#)
- SCOTUS consideration of [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](#). [SAM LPLP 2020-21](#) registration and planning is underway.
- [MT-PEC Collaborative Professional Development Flexibility & Efficiency - Framework](#)
- [SAM Virtual Administrators Institute 2020](#) - “Tell Your Story” - School Re-Entry & Recovery After Pandemic Event
- [MCEL 2020](#) planning 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](#) [Join Here Benefits](#) [SAM Web Calendar](#)
- [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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