

School Administrators of Montana



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

MSU School Superintendent Class Presentation – June 26, 2017

SAM was organized as an association of administrators in 1970. It represents the interests, aspirations, and professional leadership of Montana administrators. Over 1000 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!

SAM Strategic Plan Goal Areas

1. Professionalism, Integrity and Leadership
2. Advocacy
3. Professional Learning and Services

Professionalism, Integrity and Leadership

- Indicators of outstanding comprehensive education and high performance in Montana's schools.
- Focus attention on the value our public schools bring to each community.
- Setting a shining example of blending the SAM Strategic Plan with advocacy to cultivate a culture of collaboration, alliances and partnerships in the best interest of Montana's children!
- Active participation by SAM members in research and implementation of issues impacting education – [Montana ESSA Revised State Plan](#), [HB 374 Suicide Prevention Workgroup](#), Special Ed Coop Funding Task Force, Content Standards Committees, Montana Early Childhood Education, [Chapter 57 flexibility in educator licensure review](#), AdvancED accreditation, and others.
- Cooperating with partners in the development of – [RISE4MT](#) educator recruitment and retention effort, [MUS Rural Educator Recruitment and Retention Task Force](#), [Montana Educator Performance Appraisal System \(EPAS\)](#), [EducationSuperHighway](#) Broadband Access Initiative, Montana K-12 Connectivity Workgroup, [Montana Farm 2 School](#) Task Force, [Montana Afterschool Alliance](#) Steering Council, Montana Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Workgroup, Montana CSPD Stakeholder Group.

Advocacy

- SAM members will be equipped with accurate information and are prepared to advocate for public education.
- Collaboration between education associations (MASBO, MEA-MFT, MQEC, MREA, MTSBA, SAM) formed the Montana Public Education Center ([MT-PEC](#)) creating a positive impact and strong voice on education policy issues.
- Proactive relationships with the Governor's office, State Superintendent and OPI, Montana University System and a wide range of education stakeholders.
- [SAM 2017 Legislative Session](#) web page provides information about the legislative session. The [SAM 2017 Legislative Session Summary](#) describes the overview of progress accomplished during the session. [SAM's Legislative Network 2017](#) web page provides extensive details of the work of the 85 SAM members who served on the SAMLN17 and progress throughout the session. [SAM Bills 2017](#) describes

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Advocacy (continued)

the progress of all bills followed by SAM during the session including the [SAM Bills Status by Priority Final Report](#).

- The [SAM Delegate Assembly Steering Committee](#) continued their work to provide oversight to advocacy efforts of SAM and to prepare for SAM Delegate Assembly 2017. The committee met on May 11, 2017 and again on June 9, 2017.
- [SAM Delegate Assembly 2017](#) reviewed SAM's advocacy priorities, [positions](#) and [resolutions](#) on June 15-16, 2017. The Delegate Assembly recommendations will be acted upon by the SAM membership at the SAM Annual Business meeting during MCEL on October 19, 2017 in Billings.
- SAM members' leadership and participation in the development of the [MT ESSA Consolidated State Plan](#) for implementation of the Every Students Succeeds Act (ESSA) is a high priority - 18 of the 38 stakeholders were SAM members. Stakeholder meetings – May 25-26, September 26, October 24, and November 10 developed a draft plan, collected public comment leading to the Final Plan being submitted to USED on 12/28/16. Superintendent of Public Instruction, Elsie Arntzen informed the Stakeholder Council, that the Montana Plan is under revision and the process used can be found on the [OPI ESSA](#) webpage. SAM members continue to provide input for the MT ESSA Plan, which is undergoing revisions facilitated by the Office of Public Instruction. The timeline for the redeveloped draft plan to go to the public for input is July 12, 2017 with draft to the Governor for review on August 11, 2017 and submission of the MT ESSA Plan to the USED by September 4, 2017 for peer review.
- SAM is working closely with partners in the education community on challenges in the implementation of the SB 410 Tuition Tax Credit bill (2015 legislative session) in association with the [MQEC](#).
- [Federal Issues](#) (can be reviewed on the SAM website) related to the proposed FY 18 federal budget, the impact of proposed changes to the Health Care Act on Montana schools, and ESSA planning for Montana have been a focus during this year and 4th quarter.

Professional Learning and Services

- Professional learning opportunities for educational leaders aligned with best practices research and innovative strategies.
- SAM 21st Century Leadership Institute and Mentor Programs are aligned to form the [SAM Leaders Professional Learning Program \(LPLP\)](#), expanding professional learning opportunities for 34 Montana administrators in 2016-17. Final progress can be reviewed at [SAM LPLP 2016-17 Executive Summary \(under construction\)](#).
- [SAM LPLP 2017-18](#) is ready, with new strategies to encourage Montana administrators to use this personalized professional learning.
- [SAM Administrators Institute 2017](#), “Leadership of Transformational Change & Personalized Learning to Impact the Whole Child”, is ready for providing great learning opportunities for our entire membership. [SAM AI 2017](#) will feature Dr. Bill Daggett (August 1) returning to continue the great dialogue with school district teams of administrators and teachers to emphasize transformational change!
- Plans are complete to renew and develop an outstanding [MCEL 2017](#) (October 18-20, 2017). The venue is moved to downtown Billings at the Northern Hotel and Double Tree Hotel. Innovative technology and general session speakers will invigorate and motivate our Montana education leaders!
- [#SAMedchat](#) – weekly Twitter chat group on Thursdays, 7-8 pm. Please feel free to join in!
- SAM annually assists in the operation of 12 conferences creating learning opportunities for our members. See the [Conferences](#) tab on the website.
- SAM implementing new [association management software](#), upgrading [website](#) and tools for members.
- [SAM Membership 2016-17 Quarter 4](#) shows 1019 members, a new record, with each affiliate membership showing an increase! The membership drive for 2017-18 began on April 3, 2017.