

# School Administrators of Montana



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

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## SAM Update – 2021 MACSS Virtual Fall Conference – 9/23/21

**SAM** was organized as an association for administrators in 1971. It represents the interests, aspirations, and professional leadership of Montana administrators. Over 1100 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](#) 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 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020-21](#)

## 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](#) SAM webpage for Administrators
  - **SAM strategy for gaining community support for safely opening schools, keeping our schools open, and promoting the value your school brings to the community.** The strategy approved by the SAM Exec Board is to show support directly for our administrators and to change the dialogue to supporting the value of the public school in each community. Strategies implemented...
    - 9/16/21 See [Support Your Public School testimony recording to the Montana Board of Education 9/16/21 \(10:42\)](#). Governor chairs this joint meeting of the Board of Public Education and Board of Regents with Superintendent of Public Instruction and Commissioner of Higher Education present. Testimony was given during public comment at the meeting.
    - 9/13/21 See [Support Your Public School testimony to the Interim Education Committee 9/13/21 \(10:33\)](#). Testimony was given during public comment at the meeting.
    - 9/10/21 the [Open Letter to Montanans -- Consider the value of your public school in your community](#). Printed by the *Flathead Daily Inter Lake*, *Havre Daily News*, and *Daily Montanan*, as well as posted on Twitter @MTEDLeadership and on Facebook at Sam Montana.
  - 9/9/21 MT-PEC uploaded [MT-PEC 2021-22 COVID FAQ v5.3 9.9.21](#).
- [Recruitment and Retention of Quality Educators Update](#)
  - Grow your own efforts in Montana as of July 2021 - [Infographic](#)
  - OPI [Educator Recruitment and Retention](#) webpage to see details of the Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program and the National Board Teacher Stipend Program.
  - [2020-21 SAM Leadership Staffing Report](#)
  - [2020-21 SAM Annual Administrative Vacancy Report Executive Summary](#)
  - See the development of flexibility in Administrative Rules by efforts of [RISE4 MT](#) and the MUS Rural Recruitment and Retention Task Force.
- [GREAT 2020](#) released at MCEL 2020. GREAT 2021 with polling of Montanans and public school support will be released at MCEL 2021.
- [K-12 Vision Group](#) webpage

- [School Safety](#) and [MT-PEC Project Safe Schools](#) and [Suicide Prevention](#)
- [DPHHS Rules on Healthy Learning Environments in Schools](#)
  - [DPHHS School Health Rules](#) webpage for information on implementing rule changes
- [Broadband Connectivity Progress](#) - Montana Progress Reports – [2019](#), [2020](#) and [2021](#)
- [Student Data Privacy/Terms of Service META Project](#) – [HB 745](#) – [Launch](#) – [MTSPA](#)
- ARM [Chapter 57](#) (Educator Licensure) and [Chapter 58](#) (Prof Educator Prep Programs) Task Force

## Advocacy

- [2021 Legislative Session](#) Update
- [SAM Delegate Assembly 2021](#)
- [Interim 2021-22 Legislative Committees](#)
- [Federal Advocacy](#) 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 \(LPLP\)](#) is a best practices professional learning delivery system that personalizes learning for Montana administrators. Over the past 7 years, SAM LPLP has supported 490 administrators in meeting their personalized professional learning needs.
  - [SAM LPLP 2020-21](#) with 70 administrators registered and 8 [CLNs](#) collaborative efforts in progress, and the [SAM LPLP Huddle](#) highlighting resources. See the [SAM LPLP 2020-21 Mid Year Executive Summary](#).
  - [SAM LPLP 2021-22](#) launched on April 16, 2021. Many creative opportunities for personalized professional learning are being developed. [SAM LPLP Summit 2021-22](#) on July 27.
- 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 Administrators Institute 2021](#) on July 26-27 – Blended delivery with in person conference in Helena. “Reimagining the Future with Strategies of Hope Moving Forward” with focus zones including Social, Emotional & Mental Health, Accelerating Learning, and Infrastructure Needs, along with Celebrating 50 Years of SAM.
  - [2021 MASS/MCASE Fall Virtual Conference](#) on September 20-21.
  - 2021 MACSS Fall Virtual Conference on September 23-25.
  - [MCEL 2021](#) on October 20-22 planned Virtual delivery.
- October is National Principals Month – [National Principals Month website](#) - [[Celebrate tab: \(Social Media Toolkit\)](#)] ([Send an E-Card](#)) [[Advocate tab: \(Shadowing Visits resources\)](#)]
- MT-PEC planning Collaborative Support – [MT-PEC 2021 After Advocacy Summary](#) , [MT-PEC 2021-22 COVID FAQ v 5.3 9-9-21](#)
- [SAM Membership](#) Join [HERE](#) Benefits [SAM Web Calendar](#)
- [SAM Youth 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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