

# School Administrators of Montana



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

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## SAM Update – 2022 MACSS Spring Conference – 4/21/22

**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! See [SAM 50 Year Anniversary Celebration](#).

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021-22](#)

## 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.
- [SAM Strategy – Promote the Value Your School Brings to the Community](#)
- [COVID-19 Information for Schools](#) SAM webpage for Administrators
- [Recruitment and Retention of Quality Educators Update](#)
  - Grow your own efforts in Montana as of July 2021 - [Infographic](#)
  - [Montana District/School Leadership Staffing Report 2021-22](#)
  - [2021-22 SAM Administrative Vacancy Report Executive Summary](#)
- [GREAT 2021 Vol IX](#) with polling of Montanans and public school support released at MCEL 2021.
- [K-12 Vision Project](#) ([Update 4/6/22](#)). Ten SAM members participated in strategic planning on 3/10/22.
- [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) – 10 SAM members on the Task Force/9 SAM Members on the Feedback Group. [MT-PEC Statement on Ch 57 Rules Final 2.10.22](#). BPE meeting 4/28/22.
- ARM [Chapter 58](#) (Prof Educator Prep Programs) – 2 SAM members on the Task Force (Gail Staffanson (MACSS, Kirk Miller)/2 SAM Members on the Feedback Group. Meeting 4/26-27/22.
- ARM [Chapter 55](#) (Accreditation Standards) – 6 SAM members on the Task Force/7 SAM members on the Negotiated Rule Making Committee (Rhonda Long – MACSS).
- [ARM Chapter 55 57 58 Updates 4.19.22](#)
- [2022-23 SAM Membership Drive](#) – Launch 4/12/22.

## Advocacy

- [SAM Advocacy Issues 2021-22](#)
- [Interim 2021-22 Legislative Committees](#)
- [Federal Advocacy](#)
- SAM Delegate Assembly Steering Committee ([DASC](#)) initiated plans for the development of SAM advocacy for the 2023 legislative session in February. Currently, the [SAM 2021 Advocacy Priorities, Positions and Resolutions](#) approved by the SAM membership at the annual business meeting in October 2021 will be revised and recommended for the consideration of the SAM Delegate Assembly 2022 on June 9-10. This will lead to recommendations for consideration of the SAM membership at the annual business meeting in October 2022.
- [SAM Call for Delegate Assembly Positions Resolutions 2022](#) distributed to SAM membership on February 12, 2022 - request of all SAM members to submit Positions and/or Resolutions to be considered by SAM Delegate Assembly 2022. Deadline for submitting is April 29, 2022.
- Preparations for the development of the [SAM Legislative Network 2023 \(SAMLN23\)](#) will be trained and put in place for the beginning of the legislative session in January 2023.
- Concerns about the [potential legislation brewing](#) from the current political atmosphere and public schools in the cross hair of the privatization with public funds national attitude that has arrived in Montana.
- Advocacy is necessary for the [Chapter 57 recommendations the State Superintendent](#) has made to the Board of Public Ed. [MT-PEC Statement on Ch 57 Rules Final 2.10.22](#). BPE 4/28/22.
- Advocacy is necessary for the processes for [ARM Chapter 55 57 58 Updates 4.19.22](#).
- Advocacy will be necessary for the potential of the [CI-121 Property Tax Freeze initiative](#).
  - [CI-121 Overview and Potential Impact LSD Presentation March 2022](#).
  - Collaborating with MT-PEC and other partners. DASC action to approve MQEC joining the CI-121 Coalition.
  - [CI-121 – Coalition Pledge of Opposition 4.6.22](#)
  - CI-121 - [Why CI-121 is bad for Montana and public schools – Daily Montanan 2.8.22](#)
- Continued attention to the [CSCT program implementation](#), [HB 279 Tax Credit](#) impact on our schools.
- Many legislative issues related to [ESSER and ARPA](#)
- Political atmosphere to address [parent rights](#) around topics i.e. masking, vaccinations, CRT, SEL, book banning, equity, special education services for qualifying 19-21 year olds, and a number of topics that may come, round out a big advocacy agenda.
- [Did You Know](#) ... advocacy for innovation currently underway and being planned, for our schools.

## 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 Executive Summary](#) provides specific details of the progress of the 70 SAM LPLP members and 8 [Collegial Learning Networks](#) during the 2020-21 school year, with [SAM LPLP Providers](#) (coach/mentors) to personalize a professional learning plan enhancing their ability to serve their students, school and community. This program met the needs of personalized professional learning for about 6.4% of our 1100 SAM members.
  - [SAM LPLP 2021-22](#) launched on April 16, 2021, with 56 administrators registered (2/1/22) and 7 [CLNs](#) collaborative efforts in progress. Many creative opportunities for personalized professional learning have been developed. [SAM LPLP Summit 2021-22](#) on 7/27/21. The Providers report the upsurge in support

provided to the administrators in the program. See the [SAM LPLP Mid-Year Executive Summary 2021-22](#). [SAM LPLP Symposium 2022](#) was held 1/25/21 blended delivery for all SAM LPLP members.

- 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](#) - “Reimagining the Future with Strategies of Hope Moving Forward”, a blended delivery conference on July 22-27, 2021, was a success. Celebrating 50 Years of SAM ([presentation recording](#)) with a look at our rich history and the education leaders who contributed to our success was celebrated at SAM AI 2021. [SAM AI 2021 Conference Evaluation](#) and [SAM AI 2021 Conference Focus Zone Sessions Evaluation](#).
  - [2022 MASS/META/MCASE Spring Conference](#) on March 21-22, Helena Delta Colonial
  - [2022 MACSS Spring Conference](#)
  - [2022 SAM Week of Excellence and Delegate Assembly](#) on June 8-10, Helena Delta Colonial
  - [2022 SAM Administrators Institute](#) on July 25-27, Helena Great Northern Hotel
- MT-PEC planning Collaborative Support – [MT-PEC 2021 After Advocacy Summary](#) , [MT-PEC 2021-22 COVID FAQ v 5.3 9-9-21](#) , [K-12 Vision Project \(Update 4/6/22\)](#)
- [SAM Membership](#) [2022-23 SAM Membership Drive](#) Join [HERE](#) Benefits [SAM Web Calendar](#)
- [SAM Youth Endowment](#)
- [SAM and Affiliate Awards](#) – [Current Award Opportunities](#)
- Financial Status of the Association
  - Your Association (SAM and Affiliates) are on sound financial ground and have built budgets that are intended to help the association meet the goals of serving the membership.
  - [SAM Business Partnerships number 39 amounting to nearly \\$250,000 in annual support](#). This is an all-time high for our association.
  - The [Investment Portfolio of the combined SAM and affiliates amounts to approximately \\$926,000](#)
  - The current [Net Worth of SAM and Affiliates is \\$1.944 million](#), thanks to the efforts and fiscal management of the SAM Investment/Finance Committee
  - [SAM Financial Report FY 20-21 and FY 21-22 3rd Quarter as of 3-1-22 with Proposed FY 22-23 Budget 3-14-22](#)
  - [Review Affiliate Financial Reports](#) – [MASS](#), [MAEMSP](#), [MASSP](#), [MCASE](#), [META](#)
  - [Review Investment Committee Balance Report 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter](#)
  - Review of SAM Business Sponsors 2021-22 – [webpage](#), [Business Partners 2021-22](#)
  - Membership Dues – [2022-23 SAM Membership Dues Increase Request and Rationale](#)
- [SAM Succession Planning](#) – Hire new Executive Director, possible increase in SAM office staffing, and current Executive Director to assist with orientation, induction and training of the new team until 12-31-22.
- SAM developed web-based communication tools for the use of our Members including website, cloud-based solutions, use of social media, E-Lists, digital [Community Forums](#) to enhance member communication. 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, and many more...

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