

School Administrators of Montana



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

SAM Update – MACSS Fall Conference 2019 – 9/25/19

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. Expect to see the Final Report in October 2019.
 - [HB 211](#) – loan repayment for critical educator shortages. [Resources to Implement](#)
- [GREAT 2018](#) - The Great Work of Montana's Public Schools volume VI was released at MCEL 2018. Expect to see GREAT 2019 released at MCEL 2019, Oct 16-18 in Billings
- [School Safety](#) and [MT-PEC Project Safe Schools](#) and [Suicide Prevention](#)
- 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.
- [Broadband Expansion ESH Report and 2019-20 Work Plan](#)
- [DPHHS School Health/Safety Proposed Rules – website](#) – [OPI](#) – [MT-PEC Comments](#)
- LR-130 Ballot Issue on Montana gun measure [update](#) of issues
- Student Data Privacy/Terms of Service META Project – [HB 745](#)

Advocacy

- [2019 Legislative Session](#), [SAM 2019 Legislative Session Summary](#)
- [SAM Delegate Assembly - recommendations for SAM Business Meeting on 10-18-19](#)
- [Federal Advocacy](#)
- SCOTUS consideration of Espinoza vs. MT Dept of Revenue [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 6 years, the LPLP has supported nearly 350 administrators. See the [SAM LPLP 2018-19 Executive Summary](#). In 2019-20, 83 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!
- MT-PEC Collaborative Professional Development Flexibility & Efficiency - [Framework](#)
- [SAM Administrators Institute 2019](#) link has resources shared at the Institute
- [MCEL 2019](#) (October 16-18, 2019) “Each Child. Every School.” will be in Billings. [Schedule at a Glance](#) gives you info on the sessions offered.
- SAM annually assists in the operation of 11 conferences creating learning opportunities for our members. See the ‘Professional Learning’ ‘[Conferences](#)’ tab on the website.
- In September - [MASS/MCASE Fall Conference 2019](#) and [MACSS Fall Conference 2019](#)
- [SAM Membership 2019-20](#)
- [SAM Youth Endowment](#) – help a worthy student/family through the Endowment.
- [SAM and Affiliate Awards](#)
- 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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