

# School Administrators of Montana



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

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## MAEMSP Eastern Region SAM Update – October 30, 2018

**SAM** was organized as an association for administrators in 1978. 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.
- [MAEMSP Strategic Plan](#) focuses on the great work being accomplished.
- [Responses to MAEMSP Eastern Region Principal questions/research](#).
- Recruitment and Retention of Quality Educators Update
  - [RISE4MT DRAFT Update 10-25-18](#) and [MUS Rural Educator Recruitment and Retention Task Force](#).
  - [MT Critical Quality Educator Shortages Report – Nov 2017](#)
  - [RELNW R&R Survey](#) implications on future recruitment & retention efforts.
- [GREAT 2018](#) - The Great Work of Montana's Public School volume VI was released at MCEL on 10-18-18, see the [Press Release](#) available for you to tell the story about your local schools.
- [Montana ESSA](#) and [ESSA Implementation Plan](#).
- [School Safety](#) and [MT-PEC Project Safe Schools](#) and [Suicide Prevention](#)
- [Broadband for MT Schools Program](#) – [Back-to-School Letter](#)
- Negotiated Rule Making Committees – [Student Assessment](#) and [MT Hazard & Emergency Response](#)
- [SAM Needs Assessment 2018 Executive Summary](#) and recently developed [SAM Needs Assessment Data Disaggregated by Affiliate 2018](#) reveals the continuing priorities of SAM members for professional learning and advocacy – Please watch for FY19 SAM Needs Assessment coming in December!

## Advocacy

- [SAM Advocacy Issues 2018-19](#)
- [SAM Advocacy Priorities, Positions and Resolutions](#)
- [2019 Legislative Session](#) preparation and forming the [SAM Legislative Network 2019](#)
- [Federal Advocacy](#)

## Professional Learning and Services

- Professional learning opportunities for educational leaders aligned with best practices research and innovative strategies.
- The [SAM Leaders Professional Learning Program \(LPLP\) 2018-19](#) is a best practices professional learning delivery system that personalizes learning for Montana administrators now in its fifth year. Over this time, the LPLP has supported nearly 300 administrators. See the [SAM LPLP 2017-18 Executive Summary](#). Currently, 53 administrators are in the LPLP forming [Collegial Learning Networks](#) with coach/mentors to personalize a professional learning plan that will enhance their ability to serve their students, school and community!
- [SAM Administrators Institute 2018](#), “Empowering Students - Focusing on Leadership of Personalized Learning, Social Emotional Learning, and Information Security”. SAM AI 19 is scheduled for July 29-31, 2019 in Helena!
- [MCEL 2018](#) (October 17-19, 2018) “Be an Agent of Change” was a success in Missoula.
- SAM annually assists in the operation of 11 conferences creating learning opportunities for our members. See the ‘Professional Learning’ ‘[Conferences](#)’ tab on the website.
- [Montana Principals Conference 2019](#), January 27-29 at the Helena Delta Hotel by Marriott (Colonial)
- [#SAMedchat](#)—weekly chat group to dialogue about key education issues. 7:00-8:00 PM every other Tuesday starting September 25, 2018.
- [SAM website](#), a one-stop repository for member resources! Check it out!
- [SAM Membership 2018-19 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter](#) - currently at 1001 members on 10/25/18.
- [SAM and Affiliate Awards](#). See [MAEMSP Awards - nominations due 12/14/18](#).
- [SAM Youth Endowment](#) – Online nomination form will be available soon.
- 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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