

School Administrators of Montana



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

SAM Update – W MAEMSP Meeting – 10/20/20

SAM was organized as an association for administrators in 1971. It represents the interests, aspirations, and professional leadership of Montana administrators. Over 1080 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...

SAM [Executive Director's Strategic Plan Report for 1st 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](#)
 - DPHHS [webpage](#) providing demographic information on COVID Confirmed Cases posts [Additional information on COVID-19 in Montana schools](#), will be updated weekly on Wednesdays.
 - [MT-PEC](#) webpage with [Roadmap for Back to School](#) and [FAQ's](#)
 - [OPI Reopening Schools](#) webpage
- [Recruitment and Retention of Quality Educators Update](#)
 - [RISE4MT Update January 2020](#) webpage
 - [OPI Educator Recruitment and Retention](#) webpage
 - [SAM Administrator Vacancy Report 2019-20](#)
- [GREAT 2020](#) released at MCEL 2020 on Oct 15 with polling of Montanans and public school support
- [K-12 Vision Group](#) webpage
- [School Safety](#) and [MT-PEC Project Safe Schools](#) and [Suicide Prevention](#)
- [SAM Needs Assessment 2020 Executive Summary](#) and the [SAM Needs Assessment Data Disaggregated by Affiliate 2020](#) provides information for our association's future professional learning, advocacy and items important to our attention toward.
- [Broadband Connectivity Progress](#), [ESH Report](#) and [Montana Progress Report, One-Pager 6/8/20](#)
- [Student Data Privacy/Terms of Service META Project – HB 745 – Launch – MTSPA](#)

Advocacy

- [SAM Delegate Assembly 2020](#) advocacy approved by SAM membership on Oct 14
- SAM Legislative Network 2021 ([SAMLN21](#)) – [Description](#) & [Forming the SAMLN21](#) & [2019 Info](#)
- Legislative Interim Advocacy – [Committees](#), [SAM 2021 Interim Advocacy Report](#)
- [Federal Advocacy](#)
- [SCOTUS Espinoza Decision 6/30/20](#)
- [2021 Legislative Session](#) ([2019 Legislative Session](#) SAM Example)

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 6 years, SAM LPLP has supported 420 administrators in meeting their personalized professional learning needs.
 - In 2019-20, 90 administrators 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! See the [SAM LPLP 2019-20 Executive Summary](#).
 - [SAM LPLP 2020-21](#) is underway with 68 administrators registered (10/10/20) and 8 [CLNs](#) collaborative efforts in progress, and the [SAM LPLP Huddle](#) highlighting resources.
- 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 Virtual Administrators Institute 2020](#) - “Tell Your Story” - School Re-Entry & Recovery After Pandemic Event on July 27-28, 2020 was a success. Until October 31, you can still register and earn up to 15 renewal units for participating in this outstanding Professional Learning. [SAM VAI 2020 Evaluation as of 10-8-20](#) and [SAM VAI 2020 Evaluation as of 10-8-20 Session Evaluations](#).
 - [2020 MASS/MCASE Virtual Fall Conference](#) successfully held on September 21-22.
 - [MCEL 2020](#) was Virtual on October 15-16, 2020. [Schedule](#) and [Registration](#) You can still register!
 - [2021 Montana Principals Conference](#) is Virtual, January 25-26 in a format that will be great for professional learning and networking.
- SAM Lessons Learned–Future Focused: SAM Executive Board [Presentation](#) at MCEL 2020
- [MT-PEC Collaborative Professional Development Flexibility & Efficiency - Framework](#)
- [SAM Membership](#) [MAEMSP Membership 2020-21](#) [Join Here Benefits](#) [SAM Web Calendar](#)
- [SAM Youth Endowment](#) – help a worthy student/family through the 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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