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Everyone.

MASS & MCASE
Fall Conference
September 23-24, 2019
Bozeman, Montana

MASS & MCASE Fall Conference - GranTree Hotel

Monday, September 23

7:15 - 8:15 **Hot Breakfast & Registration** **Foyer**
Sponsored by Gaggle

8:15 - 8:30 **Welcome, Introductions & Program Overview** **Ballroom**
Dr. Mike Perry, President, MASS & Michelle Halberg, President, MCASE

8:30 - 10:00 **Sharpening Your Saw...Taking Care of Yourself First** **Ballroom**
Dr. Randy Russell, Superintendent, Freeman School District

This highly interactive and reflective session will focus on preserving and enhancing the greatest resource you have – you. Join us as we discuss and discover a balanced program for self-renewal and "Sharpen Your Saw" in the four areas of your life: physical, social/emotional, mental and spiritual.

10:00 - 10:30 **Break & Visit with Exhibitors** **Atrium**
Sponsored by Infinite Campus

10:30 - 11:45 **U.S. Department of Education Updates** **Ballroom**
Tara Ramsey, Education Program Specialist, U.S. Department of Education &
Lakesha McKenzie, Education Program Specialist, U.S. Department of Education

Please join our representatives from the U. S. Department of Education (USED) Office of Rural Outreach in Washington D.C. for a dialogue about the resources available to Rural and Frontier schools. Tara and Lakesha bring their experience to Montana to describe the many opportunities available through the USED to support Montana schools.

12:00 - 1:00 **Breaking the Script of Learning:** **Ballroom**
Igniting Passion, Succeeding with all Learners
Jeff Crews, Ed.D & Dean Phillips, M.Ed., Beyond the Chalk
LUNCH PRESENTATION -- BOTH MASS/MCASE

In classrooms we are now competing and leveraging technology to hold students' attention, however, these tools are not very good at making relationships. And relationships matter! Join us for an engaging conversation about doing different things in our classrooms and building relationships.

1:00 - 2:30 **Student Discipline: Administrative Obligations** **Ballroom**
Elizabeth Kaleva

1. Understand and recognize legal limitations on student discipline in Montana
2. Understand and recognize legal limitations on student discipline for students with disabilities.
3. Understand and recognize how to implement school disciplinary policies and procedures for all students.

2:30 - 3:00 **Break & Visit with** **Atrium**
Business Partners & Exhibitors
Sponsored by Northwest Evaluation Association

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3:00 - 4:00	**Contemporary Issues** *Jule Walker, OPI and Dr. David Schuler, AASA*	**Ballroom**
4:00 - 4:15	**MASS Awards Celebration** *Dr. Mike Perry, President, MASS*	**Ballroom**
4:15 - 4:30	**Closing Remarks** *Dr. Mike Perry, President, MASS & Michelle Halberg, President, MCASE*	**Ballroom**
5:00	**Monday Night Football Reception** *Sponsored by: DA Davidson & Co. and* *Department of Educational Leadership, Montana State University*	**Hyalite**

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MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL
WEEK 3

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Tuesday, September 24

7:00 - 8:00	**Hot Breakfast**	**Foyer**
8:00 - 8:15	**Welcome and Introductions** *Michelle Halberg, President, MCASE*	**Madison**
8:15 - 9:00	**MCASE Membership Meeting**	**Madison**
9:00 - 10:30	**OPI Student Services** *Frank Podobnik, State Special Education Director, OPI*	**Madison**
10:30 - 10:45	**Break & Visit with SAM Business Partners & Exhibitors**	**Atrium**
10:45- 11:30	**OPI Student Services** *Frank Podobnik, State Special Education Director, OPI*	**Madison**
11:30 - 12:15	**SAM Update** *Kirk Miller, Executive Director, SAM*	**Madison**
12:15 - 12:30	**Closing Remarks & Announcements** *Michelle Halberg, President, MCASE*	**Madison**

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Dr. Mike Perry, President, MASS

8:15 - 9:00 **MASS Business Meeting** **Ballroom**
Presiding - Dr. Mike Perry, President, MASS
Agenda

1. **Consideration of MASS Business Meeting DRAFT Minutes 3-19-19**
2. **MASS President Report**
   Dr. Mike Perry, MASS President
3. **AASA National Conference on Education (NCE) and MASS Incentive Award**
   Casey Klasna, MASS President-Elect
   February 13-15, 2020 in San Diego, CA
4. **AASA Governing Board/Executive Committee Report**
   Ron Whitmoyer, Jule Walker, & Tobin Novasio
5. **Advocacy Issues Report**
   Rick Duncan, MASS Federal Relations Coordinator
   - **Delegate Assembly - recommendations for SAM Business Meeting on 10-18-19**
   - **2019 Legislative Session - Summary**
   - **Federal Issues**
6. **SAM Update**
   Kirk Miller, SAM Executive Director
7. **Other Business - For the Good of the Order**

9:00 - 9:45 **SAM Update** **Ballroom**
Kirk Miller, Executive Director, SAM

9:45 - 10:30 **Superintendent/Board Relations** **Ballroom**
Dr. Randy Russell, Superintendent, Freeman School District

"Relations" is the first part of the word "Relationship." This interactive session will allow participants to discuss strategies which initiate, maintain and elevate positive Superintendent-Board Relations. We will provide tips and resources for building equity and access, determining roles and structures, onboarding new board members, growing an incredible team, and more!

10:30 - 10:45 **Break and Visit with Exhibitors** **Atrium**

10:45 - 11:45 **School Size Caucus**
AA/A Schools -- Facilitated by Bob Moore, Stevensville Public Schools
B Schools -- Facilitated by Matt Jensen, Bigfork Public Schools
C Schools -- Facilitated by Darin Hannum, Chinook Public Schools
K-8 Schools -- Facilitated by Jim Howard, Bonner Public Schools

11:45 - 12:00 **Closing Remarks** **Ballroom**
Dr. Mike Perry, President, MASS

Dr. Randy Russell

Dr. Randy Russell was born in Sidney, attended grade school in Missoula and graduated from Bigfork HS in 1984. This is his 31st year in education and he has served as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal and superintendent. He is beginning his 9th year as the Superintendent of Schools for the Freeman School District in Washington State. Randy and his wife, Shawna, also a public school educator, have four children.

Randy currently serves as the Past President for the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA), on the AASA Governing Board, and is a mentor for WASA. In past years, he has served as the WASA President, NEWASA President, the NEWTECH Skills Center Admin Council President, the North Palouse Chamber of Commerce President, the chairman of the Spokane County Superintendent's Association. Randy is very involved at the NEWASA and WASA and AASA levels, having assisted with the New Superintendent's and Superintendent's Workshops. He is a member of NEWASA, WASA, AASA and ASCD.

In addition to Randy's involvement in professional organizations, he is very involved in his local community. He is a member of the Rockford Lions, the North Palouse Chamber of Commerce, the Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Spokane Incorporated K-12 Roundtable, Partners Advocating for Character Education and also serves as a youth coach. He believes these community partnerships benefit the learning environment and provide excellent support to our students.

Elizabeth Kaleva

Elizabeth A. Kaleva is an attorney in Missoula, Montana, focusing her practice on representation of public and private school districts throughout the state of Montana, as well as the Montana High School Association. Bea graduated from Boston College in 1991, and the University of Montana School of Law in 1995. After clerking for a year, Bea joined the Montana School Boards Association as a staff attorney. She rose to the General Counsel position and remained with the MTSBA until 2003, when she returned to Missoula in private practice. Bea serves as counsel for school districts in all areas of employment and school law. Specific practice areas include: contract negotiations, employee misconduct and discipline, student misconduct and discipline, special education and federal programs, and Board of Trustees practice and procedure. She provides litigation defense to school districts and their employees in federal and state courts, arbitrations, and administrative agencies relating to all aspects of school district operations.

Bea is admitted to practice before all Montana courts, the United States District Courts, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She is a member of the American Bar Association, a former Board member of the National Council of School Attorneys and is the former President of the School Law Section of the Montana State Bar. She has been selected by her peers for inclusion in the *Best Lawyers in America since 2014* for the areas of education law and employment law, and was named the *Best Employment Law Lawyer* for the Missoula area in 2015 and 2019.

Tara Ramsey

Tara is an Education Program Specialist at the U.S. Department of Education (USED). She studied creative writing in graduate school. Since then, Tara has taught English in Mexico for 3 years and worked in a United States community college, where she created federal grants from scratch. Since being welcomed to ED, Tara has worked in Migrant Education, Indian Education, and is now the director of State and Grantee Relations (SGR). With SGR, Tara looks forward to the continued development of the office. Outside of USED, Tara enjoys baking, walking outside, and taking care of her dog, Cora.

Lakesha McKenzie

Lakesha is an Education Program Specialist at the U.S. Department of Education (USED). Prior to USED, Lakesha taught high school AP English and Language Arts, technical writing, and public speaking for a combined 5 years of experience in teaching in DC charter schools. She was also the school's recruitment coordinator where she strategized and implemented recruitment and retention strategies for urban education. Since joining ED in 2008, she has worked with migrant education programs and teacher quality programs with a focus on professional development, coaching, and career ladders for teachers. She is, now, a Liaison in the office of State and Grantee Relations. Outside of USED, Lakesha enjoys traveling, decorating, and spending time with her family and pets. She has a dog and a cat in the same house and, yes, they get along.

Jeff Crews, Ed.D.

Jeff, co-founder of Beyond The Chalk, received his bachelors degree from The University of Montana in Broad field science and biology. Jeff completed his master's in technology education from Lesley University and later received his Doctorate from The University of Montana in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis on science and technology.

Jeff spent the early part of his career teaching 7-8 grade science and also served as the district technology coordinator. He spent his first 9 years as a middle school science teacher, working to develop inquiry-based science into his teaching practice. His students were involved in outdoor education projects (Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks), Odyssey of the Mind, Science Fair, and Expedition Club (a year long club that culminated with a week long trip out of state).

Jeff's experiences led him to The University of Montana where he served as the assistant director on the NASA EOS Education Project. This project was responsible for disseminating NASA remotely sensed imagery and other geospatial data to K-12 educators around the state of Montana. Jeff also served as the assistant director of science and technology projects withint the Division of Educational Research. These projects gave Jeff the opportunity to interact with teachers and students across the state and he continues to enjoy the many collegial contacts he made during this time.

Jeff serves as adjunct faculty for Lesley University where he travels to different locations around the country to teach masters' level classes to teachers pursuing an advanced degree. He also has serve as adjunct for The University of Montana where he taught the elementary science methods and the instructional technology courses. These experiences have reinforced the importance of sound professional development within our teaching corps both old and new.

Dean Phillips, M.Ed.

Dean Phillips, co-founder of Beyond The Chalk, is a licensed educator in the state of Montana, has had teaching and leadership experiences in all levels of education. He completed his undergraduate degrees in History and broad-field Social Studies at Washington State University where he also obtained his teaching credentials. Dean also completed his Masters Degree in Education, with an emphasis in emerging technologies and technology integration from Walden University.

Dean began his career as a middle school teacher where he continually offered his students the opportunities to learn from their environment, experiences, and real world applications of content. He created problem based lessons where his students constructed bird houses, launching machines, Rube Goldberg experiments, and even a mousetrap car competition. He also teamed with other nearby teachers and implemented an Outdoor Education program where fifth through eighth grade students spent five days in Montana's great outdoors, learning from professionals and experts in their working environments.

From his teaching experiences, Dean was recognized as an educational leader and has served on many state wide boards including the Montana Middle School Advisory Board, as well as the Montana Small Schools Alliance Curriculum Development Committee. He was recruited to become one of five regional technology integration specialists working with multiple school districts in Montana and worked in this capacity for three years. Dean also has had the opportunity to share his skills and knowledge with pre-service teachers at Montana State University. Dean also teaches various classes through Montana State's Extended University, offering the opportunity for teachers who are in the classroom to continue to earn credits and engage in relevant and exciting discussions about class topics and exciting changes occurring in education. Dean currently works as a professional speaker, technology integration specialist, and an educational coach and advisor for districts across the country. He is a Google Certified Teacher, a Google Authorized Education Trainer, and Google Geo Certified Teacher, a member of Google Geo for Higher Education, and currently sits on the Google Geo Advisory Board.

Dr. David Schuler

Dr. David R. Schuler was the 2018 Superintendent of the Year for the state of Illinois and has been named the National Superintendent of the Year by AASA, The School Superintendents Association. Dr. Schuler, a national education leader and superintendent of the second-largest high school district in Illinois, is passionate about preparing students to be college, career and life ready.

Dr. Schuler launched Redefining Ready!, a national campaign that introduces multiple research-based metrics to demonstrate post-secondary readiness, during his time as 2015-16 President of AASA, The School Superintendents Association.

His work on Redefining Ready! has been published in several publications, and he has testified about college and career readiness before the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions and the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Since he took the helm of High School District 214 in Chicago's northwest suburbs, students have earned more than 600 career certifications in areas including computer programming, manufacturing and healthcare. District 214 now teaches computer science to all 12,000 students, and its six schools were among only seven in the nation to pilot an iOS app development curriculum, initiatives which were recognized by the White House.

His push to make college more accessible and affordable has led to a comprehensive career pathways program that offers personalized learning experiences through early college credit, internships and career credentials, and the passage of critical education legislation. Under his leadership, District 214 helped write, champion and pass legislation requiring every public Illinois college and university to accept Advanced Placement scores of 3 or higher.

Dr. Schuler earned his bachelor's degree from Carroll University and his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Congratulations to the 2019 MASS Regional Superintendents of the Year!

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Northwest Region -- Matt Jensen, Bigfork
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Future Events -- Save the Dates

2019		
October 16-18	MCEL	Billings, MT/DoubleTree
2020		
January 26-28	Montana Principals Conference	Fairmont Hot Springs
February 13-15	AASA National Conference on Education	San Diego, CA
February 19-21	MCEC Conference	Helena
March 23-24	MASS Spring Conference	Helena/Delta Marriott
March 23-24	METAtechED Conference	Helena/Delta Marriott
June 11-12	SAM Delegate Assembly	Helena/SAM Office
July 27-29	SAM Administrators Institute	Helena/Delta Marriott

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Gaggle provides an early-warning system for both students in dangerous situations as well as students with imminent and critical mental health issues. We inform schools immediately of students struggling with self-harm, substance abuse, cyber-bullying, harassment, violence, and other credible threats—24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

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School breakfast is a critical tool in building greater equity among students. Students that are consistently well nourished in the morning are more equipped to learn. Montana No Kid Hungry offers breakfast after the bell grants to assist schools in making their existing breakfast programs more accessible to students so they can be fueled to learn.

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The mission of the Montana Telecommunications Access Program is to improve the quality of life for all Montanans through education, innovation, and technology by enhancing communications options. MTAP does this by overseeing the Montana Relay program, which allows people who are Deaf to use telephone services, and by offering assistive equipment and services to Montanans whose disabilities make it hard for them to use the phone.

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Thank You for Attending the

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