SAM... Working For You!
2017-18 SAM Leaders Professional Learning Program (LPLP)
What does the **SAM LPLP** Provide?

LPLP’s multi-faceted blended learning approach consists of:

• A rich online [resource center](#)

• Collegial cohorts that meet both virtually and face-to-face allowing participants to share challenges, successes, and thought leadership with like-minded Montana leaders experiencing similar job roles, situations, and context. See the [SAM LPLP Framework](#) for detailed descriptions.

• Personal learning networks, including one-on-one coaching with experienced Providers.

You have the option to work with experienced, highly qualified Montana administrators (Providers) plus have access to the online [SAM LPLP Resource Center](#).

The program is *Job Embedded, Personalized, Learner Directed, Focused on the needs of your school*, and provides *Access to Essential Resources.*
The LPLP Directors/Providers serving are:

- **Godfrey Saunders – LPLP Director.** Retired Bozeman High School principal, NAESP Certified Mentor, & MSU Ed Leader professor

- **Tom Unwin – LPLP Director.** President/CEO of JK Thomas & Associates international professional learning provider for educators

LPLP Providers:

- **Jeff Blessum** - retired Superintendent of the Anderson Elementary District in Bozeman

- **Mark Brajcich** - retired Superintendent of Red Lodge Public Schools

- **Dan Farr** – recently retired Superintendent of Sidney Public Schools

- **Michael Redburn** - retired Superintendent of Bozeman Public Schools

- **Joel Voytoski** - retired Superintendent of the Evergreen Elementary District in Kalispell

- **Bruce Whitehead** - retired Principal of the Hellgate Elementary District in Missoula

Great educators, experienced administrators, trained with the best research.
SAM Member Benefits
New Communication Tools
The SAM New Communication Tools

• E-lists (aka listserv)
  • Communicate with the membership through a single email, without having to log in to your SAM profile
  • Manage your subscription and preferences through your SAM member profile
  • Replies go directly to the sender only

• Committees
  • Post messages and announcements, by logging into your SAM profile
  • Share files and documents
  • Receive automated notifications about new messages and files
  • Manage your notifications
  • Responses can be seen by the entire committee
SAM Advocacy Priorities 2017-18
SAM Delegate Assembly 2017 met on June 16 preparing the SAM Advocacy Priorities for review and action of the SAM membership at the SAM Annual Membership Meeting, taking place at MCEL on October 20, 2017.

The [SAM Delegate Assembly](#) webpage has the SAM Advocacy Priorities outlined for your review. [SAM Advocacy Priorities Summary 2017-18 by Action Designation 6-16-17](#) outlines those priorities!

The [SAM webpage](#) -- [ESSA Montana Consolidated State Plan](#) has been released for public comment. MT-PEC has written an [Issue Spotlight Response to the OPI Proposed MT ESSA State Plan Highlights](#).
Legislative Action: Level 1 – 4 reductions included in SB 261 have been triggered.

How does this affect Montana schools?

SAM Legislative Update 2017 on SAM Website (www.sammt.org) includes OPI/MAEFAIRS Announcement on July 25, MT-PEC Spotlight Issue and Initial OPI Announcement of Potential Reductions to assist our school leaders in making decisions for their FY 2018 Budgets.
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Contact us anytime with anything that you need!
We hope you enjoy the remainder of the conference!