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

SAM Update – SAM Administrators Institute 2019 – 7/30/19

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.
- **GREAT 2018** - The Great Work of Montana's Public Schools 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.
- **School Safety** and MT-PEC Project Safe Schools and Suicide Prevention
- **Broadband for MT Schools Program, Broadband Expansion ESH Report and 2019-20 Work Plan**
- Negotiated Rule Making Committees – Student Assessment and MT Hazard & Emergency Response
- 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.
Advocacy

- 2019 Legislative Session, SAM 2019 Legislative Session Summary
- MT-PEC plans for unified professional development funding, flexibility, efficiency - Framework
- Delegate Assembly 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) 2019-20 is a best practices professional learning delivery system that personalizes learning for Montana administrators. Over 5 years, the LPLP has supported nearly 350 administrators. See the SAM LPLP 2017-18 Executive Summary. LPLP formed Collegial Learning Networks with coach/mentors to personalize a professional learning plan enhancing their ability to serve their students, school and community! Review the SAM LPLP 2018-19 Mid Year Executive Summary to see the significant progress being made. The SAM LPLP has recently added the Washington Foundation as a business sponsor!
- MCEL 2019 (October 16-18, 2019) “Each Child. Every School.” will be in Billings and planning is underway.
- 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 Membership 2018-19 and SAM Membership 2019-20
- SAM Youth Endowment – help a worthy student/family through the Endowment.
- SAM and Affiliate Awards
- SAM continues implementation of association management software (MemberClicks) upgradng our website, database and tools for all SAM members. 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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