

School Administrators of Montana



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

SAM Update – MSU EDLD 655 – 6/29/22

SAM was organized as an association for administrators in 1971. It represents the interests, aspirations, and professional leadership of Montana administrators. Over 1100 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](#) 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 4th Quarter 2021-22](#). See [SAM 50 Year Anniversary Celebration](#).

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.
- [SAM Strategy – Promote the Value Your School Brings to the Community](#)
- [COVID-19 Information for Schools](#) SAM webpage for Administrators
- [Recruitment and Retention of Quality Educators Update](#)
 - Grow your own efforts in Montana as of July 2021 - [Infographic](#)
 - [Montana District/School Leadership Staffing Report 2021-22](#)
 - [2021-22 SAM Administrative Vacancy Report Executive Summary](#)
- [GREAT 2021 Vol IX](#) with polling of Montanans and public school support released at MCEL 2021.
- [K-12 Vision Project – Strategic Plan](#) was updated with 10 SAM members participating on 3/10/22
- [School Safety](#) and [MT-PEC Project Safe Schools](#) and [Suicide Prevention](#)
- [DPHHS Rules on Healthy Learning Environments in Schools](#) - [DPHHS School Health Rules](#) webpage
- [Broadband Connectivity Progress](#) - Montana Progress Reports – [2019](#), [2020](#) and [2021](#)
- [Student Data Privacy/Terms of Service META Project](#) – [HB 745](#) – [Launch](#) – [MTSPA](#)
- [ARM Chapter 57](#) (Educator Licensure) – 10 SAM members on the Task Force/9 SAM Members on the Feedback Group. [MT-PEC Statement on Ch 57 Rules Final 2.10.22](#). BPE on 4/28/22. BPE on 5/12/22.
- SAM members participated on both the Task Force (10) and Feedback Group (9) for the review of [Chapter 57](#) (Educator Licensure) Rules that were adopted by the Board of Public Education. [MT-PEC Statement on Ch 57 Rules Final 2.10.22](#). SAM members participated on both the Task Force (2) and Feedback Group (2) for the review of [Chapter 58](#) (Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards) Rules that are scheduled for adoption by the Board of Public Education. SAM members are participating on both the Task Force (6) and Negotiated Rule Making Committee (5) for the review of [Chapter 55](#) (Accreditation Standards) Rules that are underway through the summer.

Advocacy

- [SAM Advocacy Issues 2021-22](#)
- [Interim 2021-22 Legislative Committees](#)
- [Federal Advocacy](#)
- SAM Delegate Assembly Steering Committee ([DASC](#)) planned the development of SAM advocacy for the 2023 legislative session.. The [SAM Delegate Assembly 2022 Delegate Packet](#) was considered by Delegates at the [SAM Delegate Assembly 2022](#) on June 9-10. Recommendations will be considered at the SAM Business Meeting in Oct.

- Advocacy was necessary for the [Chapter 57 recommendations the State Superintendent](#) has made to the Board of Public Ed. [MT-PEC Statement on Ch 57 Rules Final 2.10.22](#). BPE 4/28/22. BPE 5/12/22.
- Advocacy is necessary for the review of [Chapter 55](#) (Accreditation Standards) Rules that are underway through the summer. [Ch 55 - Superintendent Recommendations on Ch55 for Review NRMC 6.9.22](#) and [SAM Stance on Ch 55 Final Recommendations of the State Superintendent to the NRMC-DRAFT as of 6.9.22](#)
- Advocacy was necessary for the potential of the [CI-121 Property Tax Freeze](#) initiative. Collaborating with MT-PEC and other partners. Failed to get enough signatures to be on the Ballot.
- Concerns about potential legislation brewing from the current political atmosphere and public schools in the cross hairs of the privatization with public funds national attitude that has arrived in Montana. Political atmosphere to address parent rights around topics i.e. masking, vaccinations, CRT, SEL, book banning, equity, special education services for qualifying 19-21 year olds, and a number of topics that may come, round out a big advocacy agenda.
- Continued attention to the CSCT program implementation, HB 279 Tax Credit impact on our schools, many legislative issues related to ESSER and ARPA, and charter school legislation.
- On June 6, 2022 a joint meeting of the Education Interim Committee and Education Interim Budget Committee convening the Constitutional entities responsible for our public school system (Governor, State Superintendent, Legislature, Board of Public Education, School Boards) to see how they can transform our system of public schools - [Agenda](#). [Recording](#) (SAM Comments 16:37:15)
- [MTPEC Campaign “Did You Know... Tell Your Story of Personalized Learning and Innovations”](#)

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 8 years, SAM LPLP has supported 550 administrators in meeting their personalized professional learning needs.
 - [SAM LPLP 2021-22](#) launched on April 16, 2021, with 56 administrators registered (2/1/22) and 7 [CLNs](#) collaborative efforts in progress. Many creative opportunities for personalized professional learning have been developed. See the [SAM LPLP Mid-Year Executive Summary 2021-22](#).
 - [SAM LPLP 2022-23](#) program will continue to emphasize personalized learning with one-on-one coaching/mentoring with experienced providers, collegial learning networks based on contemporary topics of interest, and a unique new national professional learning opportunity for educational leaders striving to meet the overwhelming demands of educational leadership today - “The Source”!
- SAM annually assists in the operation of 11 conferences creating learning opportunities for our members. See the ‘Professional Learning’ [‘Conferences’](#) tab on the website.
 - [2022 SAM Administrators Institute](#) on July 25-27, Helena Great Northern Hotel
- MT-PEC planning Collaborative Support – [MT-PEC 2021 After Advocacy Summary](#) , [MT-PEC 2021-22 COVID FAQ v 5.3 9-9-21](#) , [K-12 Vision Project - 2022 K12 Vision Project Strategic Plan](#), MTPEC Campaign [“Did You Know... Tell Your Story of Personalized Learning and Innovations”](#)
- [SAM Membership](#) [2022-23 SAM Membership Drive](#) [Join HERE Benefits](#) [SAM Web Calendar](#)
- [SAM Youth Endowment](#)
- [SAM and Affiliate Awards](#) – [Current Award Opportunities](#)
- [SAM Succession Planning](#) – Completed hire of a new Executive Director, possible increase in SAM office staffing (TBD), and transition with orientation, induction and training of the new team until 12-31-22.
- SAM developed web-based communication tools for the use of our Members including [website](#), cloud-based solutions, use of social media, E-Lists, digital [Community Forums](#) to enhance member communication. 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, and many more...

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