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Greetings superintendents and all leadership team members of the AASA L25 MT Cohort!

All information about the AASA L25 MT Cohort will be placed on the new [AASA L25 MT Cohort 2023-24](#) webpage (SAM website/Professional Learning tab/ AASA L25 MT Cohort 2023-24 drop down) for your convenient reference (you may want to bookmark this page). This webpage has the contact list for all members of our L25 MT Cohort which you may find useful in communicating with each other.

Welcome to Superintendent Randy Cline at Kalispell replacing Micah Hill (who has moved to Missoula) and Superintendent Don Christman at Lockwood replacing Tobin Novasio (who has moved to Hardin). Our MT Cohort still consists of 10 school districts and I am including Missoula (Micah Hill) and Hardin (Tobin Novasio) in this correspondence to offer the opportunity to have their districts join the AASA L25 MT Cohort for 2023-24. Gentlemen, please contact me if you are interested in this offer. We are ready to get started with the 2023-24 effort to envision the future where education is not just a system but an innovative, vibrant, and transformative force, by working together and sharing the vast resources that are available to you as part of the MT L25 Cohort.

### Opportunities for our L25 MT Cohort ...

For the coming year, we will be planning a couple of in-person gatherings of our AASA L25 MT Cohort where all of the members of your team that you wish to bring can attend.

- The first of those gatherings is scheduled at the SAM Administrators Institute 2023 ([Schedule](#) - scroll down to see the schedule) on Tuesday, July 25 from 3:15-4:15 PM in Focus Zone 6. This important gathering will provide us time to talk about our AASA L25 MT Cohort opportunities, strategies and resources. Currently registered for the SAM AI 2023 are MT L25 Cohort members -- Laurie Barron, Melissa Hardman, Tom Moore, Heather Hoyer, Don Christman, Andrea Meier, Dale Olinger, and Mike Perry. I hope each of you will all plan to attend our scheduled session on Tuesday. You can register your team for the SAM AI 2023 by clicking [HERE](#), and please plan to attend the session on Tuesday, July 25.
- I'm also planning to do a monthly webinar (virtual meeting) where our AASA L25 MT Cohort members can share progress and challenges.

### Some Benefits for our L25 MT Cohort's Attention ...

[AASA Learning 2025 Network \(2.0\) Forward to the Future](#) provides you, a Learning 2025 leader, several important Learning 2025 enhancements to better serve you and your community. This ([LINK](#)) is a brief explanation of our enhanced model. Our ongoing focus is to continue our work as members of this L25 MT Cohort into the 2023-24 school year (your district is already signed up and progressing into year 2 of our collaboration with AASA and SAM to offer this opportunity). I will be serving as our Cohort Strategic Mentor with the goal of working individually with each of our districts and coordinating efforts for the Cohort to collaborate and learn together.

A benefit of our AASA L25 MT Cohort is the ability of each of our districts to participate in AASA Cohorts. Currently, Laurie Barron (Superintendent of the Evergreen District and L25 MT Cohort member) has registered her team for the Redefining Ready Cohort -- thanks Laurie. I wanted to make sure that you have the link for each of our district systems to choose your complimentary Cohort of choice for the 2023-24 school year - <https://forms.office.com/r/BAhXZAEGWV>  
Additional details about AASA Cohorts for you to know ...

The form lists all the cohorts from which the districts can choose to participate. Each district receives one (1) complimentary cohort. The form, linked above, is the official place to have the districts choose their complimentary cohort for AASA Learning 2025. The links to the cohort webpages are part of the form if the districts want to see when/where site visits for the year will take place, or when the virtual visits the cohorts are planned.

Many people have questions about how the cohorts run, so I thought I'd share some details which will answer many of our FAQs.

1. The superintendent does not have to be the main contact person for the cohort – they can designate a team member.
2. The form asks for the designation of the main point of contact for the cohort.
3. The superintendent, or designee, can share additional district team members with us if they would like to have a team receive all cohort communication. (E.g., if the district chooses the Early Learning Cohort, the superintendent might choose to be the main point of contact, but also would like a team of 5 (or whatever number) to receive all communication so they may join the virtual meetings and receive any resource communications.
4. One person from the district receives complimentary registration for the in-person site visits. The one person does not have to be the main point of contact if that person can not make the in-person visit. The one complimentary registration for each in-person visit for that cohort is transferable within the district.
5. If the district leadership would like additional team members to attend the in-person site visits, they may have each team member register for the in-person visit for \$200/person/visit which helps pay for transportation within the meeting (usually a charter bus) and additional food.
6. The majority of in-person meetings begin mid-to-late afternoon on Day 1/full Day 2/morning Day 3 ending before lunch. AASA usually provides one hosted dinner and provides lunch on the full day. This cadence usually allows attendees to travel on Day 1 and Day 3 to maximize cohort time together and minimize days out of the district. Each cohort lead will communicate the actual agenda to cohort participants.

AASA will provide Kirk (AASA L25 MT Cohort Strategic Mentor) with a respective list of districts who have chosen a cohort (or not) every couple of weeks until they have all chosen or indicated they will not participate in a cohort. The SEL cohort has it's 1<sup>st</sup> virtual meeting on July 26.

If you would like to discuss any of the information in this update, or you need access to further resources through our AASA L25 MT Cohort, please contact me -- [kjmleadership@gmail.com](mailto:kjmleadership@gmail.com) or 406-581-1037. Thank you for being a member of the AASA L25 MT Cohort and for your great contributions to your students, your school, your community, and public education. Forward to the Future!

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