

MCASE Board Meeting

Executive Director Update

February 19, 2020



Greetings MCASE Board of Directors! Below is an update of MCASE and SAM activities for your review. Please contact me if you have questions.

1. Review of Strategic Plan
 - The [MCASE Strategic Plan 2016-20](#) is being used to develop agendas for MCASE Board meetings so the report of progress on the plan happens during the meetings.
 - SAM [Executive Director's Strategic Plan Report for 2nd Quarter 2019-20](#) is on the [SAM Strategic Plan](#) webpage for reference and review.
2. Review of Financials
 - Affiliate Budget Reports – [MCASE](#)
 - SAM continues to develop Business Partners in the best interest our members. Review the [SAM Business Partners 2019-20](#) by Sponsorship Level as of 11-26-19 to know who our partners are, and the support they provide for our association.
3. 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 1-16-20](#)
 - [MT 2018 R&R Study Results](#) , [Infographic](#) and [Summary](#) implications on future recruitment & retention efforts
 - [Educator Recruitment and Retention](#) webpage
 - [HB 211](#) – loan repayment for critical educator shortages. [Resources to Implement](#)
 - [Montana Rural School Virtual Career Fair](#)
 - [GREAT 2019](#) released at MCEL 2019, Oct 16-18 in Billings for school district use
 - [2019-20 Leadership Staffing Report](#) tells the story of efficient, effective administration
 - [School Safety](#) and [MT-PEC Project Safe Schools](#) and [Suicide Prevention](#)
 - [SAM Needs Assessment 2020 Executive Summary](#) and the [SAM Needs Assessment Data Disaggregated by Affiliate 2020](#) provides information for our association's future professional learning, advocacy and items important to our attention toward.
 - [Broadband Connectivity Progress](#), [ESH Report](#) and [Montana Progress Report](#)
 - [DPHHS Rules on Healthy Learning Environments in Schools](#)
 - [Student Data Privacy/Terms of Service META Project – HB 745 – Launch – MTSPA](#)
4. Advocacy
 - [SAM 2019 Advocacy Priorities, Positions, Resolutions Approved 10-18-19](#)
 - Legislative Interim Advocacy – [Committees](#), [Upcoming](#) & [Legislative Week](#) (Jan 13-17)
 - SAM Delegate Assembly [DRAFT Call for Positions and Resolutions 2020](#)
 - [Federal Advocacy](#)
 - [Federal Education Funding Finalized for 2020-21](#)
 - [SCOTUS](#) consideration of Espinoza vs. MT Dept of Revenue – [SCOTUS Blog](#), [Ballotpedia](#), [MQEC Update](#) and [Summary](#) and [Oral Arguments 1-22-20](#)

5. 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 the past 6 years, SAM LPLP has supported 420 administrators in meeting their personalized professional learning needs. In 2019-20, 90 administrators have joined the LPLP, forming ten [Collegial Learning Networks](#) with coach/mentors to personalize a professional learning plan enhancing their ability to serve their students, school and community! See the [SAM LPLP 2019-20 Mid Year Executive Summary](#).
- [MT-PEC Collaborative Professional Development Flexibility & Efficiency - Framework](#)
- [SAM Administrators Institute 2020](#) - “Tell Your Story” - July 27-29 Helena Delta Hotel
- [MCEL 2020](#) planning underway. [MCEL 2019](#) “Each Child. Every School” [Program](#) gives you info on the sessions offered and the [Jamie Vollmer](#) “Great Conversation” keynote.
- 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 2019-20](#)
- [SAM Youth Endowment](#) – help a worthy student/family through the Endowment
- [SAM and Affiliate Awards](#) – [Current Award Opportunities](#)
- SAM developed 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...
- Make sure to follow SAM on Twitter [@MTEDLeadership](#) and on Facebook at *Sam Montana*

6. SAM Office Update and SAM Resources

- MUST Report. SAM continues as a founding partner of MUST and the executive director serves on the Montana School Services Foundation (MSSF) with the executive director of MTSBA and president of MFPE in overseeing the trust. SAM representatives on the MUST board are Brad Moore, Vice-Chair, Doug Reisig, and Dan Grabowska. SAM member Andy Holmlund is the MUST CEO. Click [HERE](#) to review the latest MUST info including efforts to form multidistrict agreements with schools across the state to provide participating schools with needed flexibility and efficiencies in funding their employee health benefit costs.
- The SAM Conference App is developed and being used for all SAM and affiliate conferences.

Thank you MCASE Board for your continued outstanding leadership of our association and for your contributions to our profession through your service on the board!

Respectfully submitted,



SAM Executive Director