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Upcoming Conferences and Meetings

Friday, October 19th, 8:30 - 10:30 AM: SAM Annual Business Meeting - Missoula, Hilton Garden Inn, Grant Creek Salon B

META...Continuing on a Path of Success

by Brian Norwood, META President

Greetings SAM Members,

I am honored to serve as META's President and excited for our future as an organization.

META has grown over the past few years to become Montana's primary source for educational technologists to share knowledge for the common good of all students, staff, and local communities. Our members encompass a deep understanding of educational technology and what it takes to be successful in this diverse environment.

We have numerous success stories to celebrate including the SBAC Testing Project, Cyber Security Committee on the Montana Information Security Project, ERATE Consulting and outreach partnership with NCCE, ADA Website Compliance project, our continuing support of Educational Technology through Advocacy, and our partnership with CoSN and a new Montana State Chapter.

In addition to our successful projects, we also have added the META Empowered Superintendent of the Year award with our META Technologist of the Year award. These awards show our commitment to promoting educational technology by celebrating the success of our peers. In the months to come our META Empowered Superintendent of the Year will be Montana's nominee to the National CoSN Empowered Superintendent's award. We wish Mr. Jim Howard, Bonner School District Superintendent and META's 2018 Empowered Superintendent award recipient the best of luck and thank you for representing our Montana values at the national level.

Our future holds many challenges like the cyber-attacks we have seen this past year and continued budget constraints we all face in today's economy. I am confident in our commitment and spirit that drives us all to be part of the solution to overcome these challenges and strive to be better stewards of this precious commodity we help to shape and in turn shapes our future, the students. I am excited and believe we will continue to grow and encourage all our members to share our vision and values in support of our mission.

Thank you for allowing me the honor to serve you all as the META President.

Sincerely,

*Brian Norwood
META President
Director of Technology and Facilities
Lolo School District*

October 17-19: MCEL
2018 in
Missoula - [Register](#)

January 27-29: Montana
Principals Conference -
Helena

November 4-6: Mountain
States Leadership
Conference - Deadwood,
SD - [Register](#)

February 14-16: [AASA
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Education](#) - Los Angeles

** [View the full SAM
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Advocacy...the SAM Way!

by Kirk Miller, SAM Executive Director



I trust that the 2018-19 school year is off to a great start in our schools all across the state. Visiting with many administrators, I believe our great system of public schools in Montana have developed strong relationships with the community, parents and children they serve and launched the school year with excellent opportunities for student learning and development. Thanks to all of our administrators, for all that you do to lead and manage this great environment for learning!

With the 66th Legislative Session fast approaching (January 2019), our SAM Strategic Plan advocacy goal moves into focus. **Advocacy** – our members working together collectively to advocate for the education of our children – including human resources, time resources, and fiscal resources – all necessary to continue improving the fine public school system we have worked so hard to establish in our state. [SAM Delegate Assembly](#) 2018 in June established SAM's advocacy priorities for the upcoming 2019 legislative session and the constant federal issues that impact the education of our children.

The results of the great work of 41 delegates, assembled for SAM Delegate Assembly 2018 (SAM DA 18) on June 14-15, have been compiled, organized and prepared for review of the SAM membership. First, I want to thank the [Delegates](#) who participated in the very engaging and important discussions that happened at SAM DA 18. Your work in advocacy is so important to help create priorities for the upcoming legislative session. Complete information about the SAM DA 18 can be found on the [SAM Delegate Assembly](#) webpage. [SAM DA 2018 Business Meeting Recommendations 10-19-18](#) is the document outlining SAM Advocacy Priorities by Action Designation, Summary of SAM DA Actions, DRAFT DA Minutes, Positions, and Resolutions adopted by the SAM DA 18. The recommendations created will be considered by the entire SAM membership at the annual SAM Business Meeting on October 19 at MCEL in Missoula at the Hilton Garden Inn, Grant Creek B Salon from 8:30 to 10:30 AM. We hope you will attend this meeting and take action on SAM's advocacy priorities, positions, and resolutions!

The SAM Legislative Network 2019 (SAMLN19) will be formed during October and November. Click [HERE](#) to see the description and responsibilities of the SAMLN19. You will read that the SAMLN19 is seeking regional representatives from each of the 6 SAM affiliates -- MASS, MAEMSP, MASSP, MACSS, MCASE and META, and is intended to be comprehensive in representing the issues of each affiliate in each region of the state -- thus giving SAM great communication abilities from broad representation across the state.

The process to seek members of the SAMLN19 begins with our SAM Affiliate Presidents, DA Steering Committee, and Regional Presidents/Directors taking responsibility to seek

October is National Principals Month!

by Pat Audet, SAM Associate Director

The SAM office wants ALL school principals to know that they are highly appreciated for the great leadership and strong efforts they provide in the education of all students! A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all Montana Principals!

This wonderful, annual event is sponsored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). You can check out the various activities that will be going on throughout the month by clicking [National Principals Month](#). Please look for Twitter and Facebook posts that give supportive messages honoring the work that all of you do within your schools! The Twitter hashtag is [#ThankAPrincipal](#).

You can join in on one of the first events to be held on Tuesday, October 2 which will be a free webinar *Leading in Tough Times*. This webinar will be held from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm MST on Tuesday. You can read more about and register for the webinar by clicking [Leading In Tough Times](#).

Patricia E. Audet



Have you thanked
a principal today?

Are Your Registered for

SAM LPLP 2018-19?

SAM Leaders Professional Learning Program 2018-19	SAM LPLP is... A unique approach to personalized professional learning for Montana school leaders that results in improvements in job satisfaction, administrator longevity, and ultimately to increased quality of instruction and student achievement.
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Collegial Learning Networks Collegial Learning Networks (CLNs) are designed to be dynamic allowing participants to focus on specific areas of interest. Anticipated for 2018-19 are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AASA/SAM Aspiring Superintendents• Transformational Leadership• New Leaders• Trusted Learning Environment• Special Education• GEAR UP	Click HERE to register for SAM LPLP 2018-19 www.sammt.org (406)442-2510

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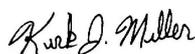
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at least one SAMLN19 member from each Affiliate Region. **So you can expect an email later this month from your affiliate leadership requesting that you join the group to assist in advocating for SAM priorities during the 2019 Legislative Session.**

This is advocacy done the SAM way and has been very effective during the last three legislative sessions, so we hope you will join in this important work when your affiliate leaders request this of you.

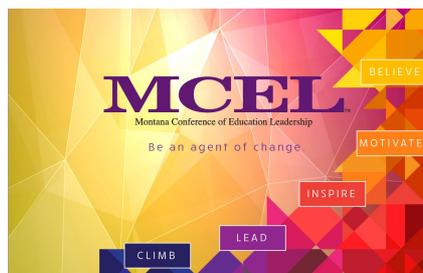
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You are Invited: SAM Annual Business Meeting at MCEL!

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MCEL 2019



Wednesday, October 17:

- Pre-Conference Virtual Track (noon - 5:00)

Thursday, October 18:

- Keynote Speaker - John Couch (9:00 - 10:00 AM)
- Awards Ceremony (9:00 - 10:00 AM)
- Clinic Sessions throughout the day!

Friday, October 19:

- **SAM Annual Business Meeting (8:30 - 10:30 AM) All SAM Members are encouraged to attend!**
- Clinic Sessions throughout the day!

[Click HERE to register!](#)

meetings? Five of the six SAM affiliates are divided into regions and many regions hold meetings throughout the year. Region President/Director contact information, meeting times, and meeting agendas can be found for each affiliate on their region web page. Click on the following links for information about your affiliate region:

[MASS Regional Information](#)

[MASSP Regional Information](#)

[MAEMSP Regional Information](#)

[META Regional Information](#)

[MCASE Regional Information](#)

Student Data Privacy, Trusted Learning Environment (TLE) Seal

The [Consortium for School Networking \(CoSN\)](#) and its state affiliate chapter, [Montana Educational Technologists Association \(META\)](#), are honored to support the work of current and aspiring superintendents and district leadership teams in leading all aspects of digital learning transformations. This month we focus on student data privacy.

As school leaders continue to grow in their knowledge and expertise in using data to drive instruction and other multiple facets of school operations, the issue of leading and managing student data privacy can sometimes seem confusing and even overwhelming. CoSN is pleased to share five critical guidelines for ensuring data privacy in your district's or school's use of technology. CoSN's overview of student data privacy procedures can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

To assist school leaders in assuring all stakeholders that their district has built a system and culture of trust and transparency with regard to student data, CoSN developed a comprehensive process for school districts to earn the Trusted Learning Environment (TLE) Seal. Montana school technology leaders have proven to be trailblazers in this work across the state through the formation of the SAM Leaders Professional Learning Program Trusted Learning Environment Collegial Learning Network (SAM LPLP TLE CLN). The TLE CLN, which is the first such cohort in the United States, allows districts to work together to update and strengthen their data privacy practices. Last spring, Bozeman Public Schools became one of 16 school districts in the country to earn the TLE Seal. Through the work of the SAM LPLP TLE CLN, seven other Montana school districts are on the path to earning TLE Seals. Learn more about how and why the TLE Seal can support your data privacy work by clicking [HERE](#).

CoSN has partnered with edWeb to provide a monthly webinar series on topics essential for leading digital transformations. School superintendents serve as panelists on each webinar and share their stories and expertise. Each webinar is recorded for later viewing by those who are not able to join the

Mountain States Leadership Conference

Over the past five years, Montana has joined the cooperative effort of Wyoming, South Dakota, and North Dakota in bringing national quality leadership training to the Mountain States region. The Mountain States Leadership Conference brings high-quality training to South Dakota. NASSP and NAESP have been great partners and have contributed both financially and with personnel to help with this conference.

The dates for the conference are November 4-6 at *The Lodge* in Deadwood, SD. Click [HERE](#) to register and for more information.

live broadcast. The focus of the Oct. 8 webinar (scheduled for 5:00 pm ET) is on student data privacy. Learn more and register for this free webinar [HERE](#).

If your school or district would like more information about joining CoSN or getting more involved with CoSN and/or META, please contact Brian Calvary, CAE, CoSN Director of Membership and Chapters, at bcalary@cosn.org.

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