

SAM Bulletin - October 2020

2 messages

School Administrators of Montana <saom@memberclicks-mail.net>

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 4:04 PM

Reply-To: samks@sammt.org

To: samks@sammt.org

*School Administrators of Montana***BULLETIN***Visionary leaders united in providing, advocating, and creating education excellence for Montana students!***Volume XLIII****October 2020****No. 300*****In This Issue...***

1. [SAM Executive Director Message](#)
2. [SAM Annual Business Meeting 2020](#)
3. [National Principals Month 2020](#)
4. [MCEL](#)
5. [CoSN - Cybersecurity](#)
6. [SAM Virtual Administrators Institute 2020](#)
7. [SAM Calendar](#)
8. [SAM Affiliate Regions](#)

Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, & Events

October 14, 2020, 9:00-11:00 AM: SAM Virtual Board Meeting

October 14, 2020, 1:00 - 3:00 PM: SAM Virtual Business/Membership Meeting

October 15-16, 2020: MCEL

January 24-26, 2021: Montana Principals Conference

SAM Advocacy and Professional Learning Opportunities...*by Kirk Miller, SAM Executive Director*

A word of thanks to each of you for the outstanding work you are doing for your students, school and community as the pandemic continues to impact our lives. Stellar leadership of our school administrators all across Montana is making a positive difference in the quality of life in your community.

The importance of advocacy and professional learning are at a premium as we begin the second month of this school year right before an election and the 2021 Legislative Session. I share this information with you with the hope you will engage in the following opportunities to insure your success for the students you serve in your school.

The results of the great work of 44 delegates, assembled virtually for SAM Delegate Assembly 2020 (SAM DA 20) on July 30, are 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 20. Your work in advocacy is so important to help create priorities for the 2021 legislative session and federal issues. Complete information about the SAM DA 20 can be found on the [SAM Delelgate Assembly](#) webpage. [SAM DA 2020 Business Meeting Recommendations 10-14-20](#) 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 20. The recommendations created will be considered by the entire SAM membership at the annual SAM Virtual Business Meeting on October 14, 2020, 1:00-3:00 pm via Zoom. See the official notice of the SAM Virtual Business Meeting 2020 in this Bulletin. We hope you will attend this meeting and take action on SAM's advocacy priorities, positions and resolutions!

In the middle of October, expect to see a request from your affiliate president and region leadership, for SAM members to join the SAM Legislative Network 2021 (SAMLN21). The SAMLN is formed in order to effectively communicate SAM legislative issues/bills and collect input to allow appropriate representation of SAM issues/bills during the legislative session. Check out this [Description](#) of the SAMLN21 and think about joining the Network when the call to engage comes from your affiliate president and region leadership.

At [MCEL 2020](#) (October 15-16) held virtually, you can expect to receive the release of GREAT VIII 2020 (The Great Work of Montana's Public Schools, Volume VIII, 2020)! The partners of MT-PEC (Montana Public Education Center) administer the annual opinion poll of Montana voter's perspectives on K-12 education issues, and the K-12 Vision Group (with SAM members represented) met on September 16, leading to a refocused strategic plan describing the significant progress made as a result of our collective efforts to meet the Constitutional guarantee to develop the full education potential of each person. GREAT VIII will be a very important resource for you and your community when considering the support for the education of the children in your community. I encourage all SAM members to register for [MCEL 2020](#) to engage in this outstanding professional learning.

Thank you to this month's featured Business Partners!



SAM Leadership

SAM

Dale Olinger
President
Cal Ketchum
President Elect
Peter Hamilton
Past President

MASSP

Justin Helvik
President
Shawn Hendrickson
President Elect
KJ Poepping
Vice President
Jake Haynes
Past President

MAEMSP

Shelley Andres
President
Nicole Trahan
President Elect
Ted Miller
Vice President
Craig Crawford
Past President
Marlin Lewis
Barb Droessler
SAM Representatives

MASS

The partners of MT-PEC (Montana Public Education Center) have collaborated in developing resources you can depend on COVID impact on our schools. Check out the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Fall 2020 Guidance for K-12 Public Schools Re-Opening, Updated 9.17.20. Please also look at the SAM COVID-19 Information for Schools webpage being updated regularly with Pandemic related items through the perspective of "necessary" for an administrator to know.

For best opportunity to enhance professional learning that will impact you, your school and district, the SAM Leaders Professional Learning Program (LPLP) 2020-21, is ready to meet your needs. Sixty-six administrators are engaged in professional learning and participating in 10 Collegial Learning Networks on key educational topics in our state. You can still join this personalized professional learning, just click [HERE](#) to register to join your colleagues in making a difference through professional learning.

Opportunities in Advocacy and Professional Learning will surely sharpen your saw and engage you for success this school year. We know we are stronger in our support for the education of each child when we work together having administrator input on all areas impacting education, advocate together, and learn together. Please engage in these SAM opportunities this October.

All the Best,

Keith D. Miller



All SAM Members are Invited to Attend the SAM Annual Business Meeting!

The SAM Annual Business Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM**. All SAM members are encouraged to attend this virtual event!

Agenda items include:

- **Voting on the SAM Delegate Assembly 2020 Advocacy Recommendations** - The results of the great work of the SAM Delegate Assembly 2020 in July will be voted on by the SAM membership during the business meeting. We hope you will attend and participate in the vote.
- **Honoring Award Winners** - Please attend the meeting to support these award recipients. The following award winners will be recognized during the meeting:
 - **Dr. Jay Erdie Memorial Mentor Scholarship** - TBA
 - **MCASE Special Education Director of the Year** - Michelle Halberg
 - **MACSS County Superintendent of the Year** - Linda Marsh
 - **MASS Regional Superintendents of the Year** - Andy Begger, Nate Olson, Laurie Barron, Jeremy MacDonald, Jason Sargent, Kathleen Prody, Theresa Keel, Allison Evertz, Larry Crowder
 - **MASS Superintendent of the Year** - TBA
 - **MASSP Principal of the Year** - Shawn Hendrickson
 - **META Technologist of the Year** - Brad Somers
 - **META Empowered Superintendent of the Year** - Nathan Schmitz



October is National Principals Month

Through visionary leadership and tireless pursuit of success for each student, principals guide and support their schools in ways large and small every day. And as we faced new challenges presented by COVID-19, our principals came through when it mattered most. **National Principals Month** is our way of honoring their dedication and thanking them for all they've done.

Once again throughout the entire month of October, **NAESP**, **NASSP**, **AFSA**—as well as district leaders, policymakers, parents, students, teachers, and school leaders—come together to not only celebrate these heroes of education but also to advocate for school leaders everywhere. Together, we can inform local, state, and federal governments about the harsh reality of what principals are experiencing and garner support for legislation that benefits these school leaders and the students they serve.

Through nationwide efforts at local, state, and federal levels; evidence-based research initiatives; and appreciation events of every size, **National Principals Month** seeks to honor our principals for their significant impact on the success and well-being of our nation's students.

And this is no small-scale occurrence: our event has made its way to the Senate and House of Representatives to officially recognize October as National Principals Month.

Casey Klasna
President
Dr. Greg Dern
President Elect
Dr. Mike Perry
Past President
Rick Duncan
Federal Relations Coordinator

MCASE
Michelle Halberg
President

MACSS
Cathy Maloney
President

META
Everett Holm
President

SAM Office
Kirk Miller
Executive Director

Gary Wagner
Director of Operations,
Membership & Finances

Kim Scofield
Director of Member Services &
Professional Learning

- **MASS Honor School Board of the Year** - TBA
- **MASS Honor School Board of the Year** - TBA
- **MAEMSP National Distinguished Principal** - Travis Niemeyer
- **G.V. Erickson Award** - TBA

Visit the [SAM Business Meetings webpage](#) for connection information. You will be required to log in to the website. Contact the SAM office if you need assistance.

MCEL 2020: October 15-16, 2020 is Virtual



Registration is open for MCEL 2020! Visit the following links for more information:

- [Registration](#)
- [Schedule at a Glance](#)
- [2020 MCEL Sessions](#)

Registration is still open for access to all 15 recorded sessions

[Click here to register!](#)

SAM VIRTUAL ADMINISTRATORS INSTITUTE 2020
School Re-entry & Recovery After a Pandemic Event

SAM Virtual Administrators Institute 2020 Deadline Approaching

Were you unable to attend the virtual conference but want access to the resources? Register now to receive all conference materials, including video recordings of each session: three keynote presentations and 12 focus zone sessions. Follow this link: [SAM Virtual Administrators Institute 2020 Registration](#). You have until October 31st to access all of the conference materials and earn up to 15 OPI Renewal Unit Credits?

Visit the SAM Website

Calendar

Find out what's happening all month including webinars, recognition events, and social media contests on the [National Principals Month Events webpage](#). You can also find a [social media toolkit](#) to make posting quick and easy.



CoSN - Cybersecurity

The Consortium for School Networking (CoSN in partnership with School Administrators of Montana and CoSN's Montana state affiliate chapter, Montana Educational Technologists Association (META) are pleased to continue to support the work of current and aspiring superintendents and district leadership teams in leading all aspects of digital learning transformations.

The month of October is designated as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. In keeping with the focus on cybersecurity, CoSN is pleased to offer multiple pathways for school leaders to learn how to identify, manage and prevent cybersecurity attacks within school and school district settings.

EmpowerED Superintendent Webinar:

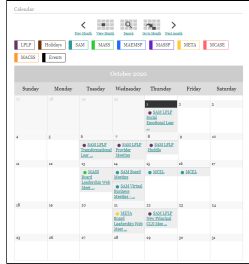
"Cybersecurity: Keeping Everyone Safe in Today's Learning Environments"

The second episode of Season 3 of the EmpowerED Superintendent Webinar series airs on Monday, October 12, 2020 in conjunction with National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. The title of the October 12, 2020 webinar, which airs at 3:00 pm MT, is *Cybersecurity: Keeping Everyone Safe in Today's Learning Environments*. In this edWebinar, Dr. Luvelle Brown, Superintendent, Ithaca City School District, NY, Dr. Susan Enfield, Superintendent, Highline Public Schools, WA, Dr. Chris Gaines, Superintendent, Mehlville School District, MO; and Amy McLaughlin, Project Director, CoSN Cybersecurity Initiative share their perspectives and experiences in dealing with the complexities of managing and assuring cybersecurity in today's K-12 learning environments. They will examine the liability concerns that arise when schools experience network security incidents and the impact those events can have on a district's professional reputation as well as the effects cyber-attacks have on teaching and learning. Strategies for effectively preventing, managing and communicating cybersecurity threats will be reviewed. Free registration for the October 12, 2020 webinar is now available [HERE](#).

The complete list of free recordings of all previously broadcast EmpowerED Superintendent webinars is available [HERE](#). In addition to the free access to live and recorded webinars, the EmpowerED Superintendent recorded webinars are now accessible via podcast. Learn more [HERE](#).

Critical Focus Areas: Issue One-Pager on Cybersecurity

The [CoSN EmpowerED Superintendents](#)

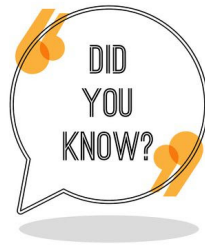


Be sure to visit the [Calendar on the SAM website](#) to see everything happening at SAM. You can view all events or just by affiliate. All LPLP events are also posted on the calendar. Connection information for each event can also be found on the calendar.

[web page](#) presents a series of “one-pagers” to guide and empower superintendents and their leadership teams in leading digital transformations. CoSN’s one-page document on *The Importance of Cybersecurity* defines the top five reasons why school system leaders must make cybersecurity a priority. It is available to view and download [HERE](#).

Did You Know... you can connect with other SAM members through affiliate region 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 (login is required):



- [MASS Regional Information](#)
- [MASSP Regional Information](#)
- [MAEMSP Regional Information](#)
- [META Regional Information](#)
- [MCASE Regional Information](#)

CoSN Cybersecurity Initiative

For additional information and guidance, including access to a report on K-12 security risk methodology, notification about CoSN’s partnership with the Cybersecurity Collaborative and other resources, visit <https://www.cosn.org/cybersecurity>

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

Thank you to SAM's Business Partners!
Please take time to visit their websites.

Montana Big Sky Sponsors



Health Insurance
 P O Box 4579 - Helena, MT 59601
aholmlund@ms-sf.org
 Phone: 406-457-4401



Technology Innovation
 1309 NW Bypass - Great Falls, MT 59404
bruce.wallace@vision.net
 Phone: 406-727-5994



Total Education Solutions in Technology (T.E.S.T)
 PO Box 2900
 Missoula, MT 59805
liz@testkids.com
 Phone: 888-401-6950



Empowering Teachers To
 Drive Their Own Professional Learning
 84 Sherman Street
 Cambridge, MA 02140
jeff.liberty@betterlesson.com

Montana Glacier Sponsors



Infinite Campus is the largest American-owned student information system
4321 109th Avenue NE
Blaine, MN 55449 stephanie.sondrol@infinitecampus.com
763-458-1752



A unique approach to teaching
K-6 math using hands-on, interactive games
37 E 28th Street Suite 600
New York, NY 10016
719-510-9503
john@slatescience.com



Mileposts™ cloud-based achievement & data management
408 E. Parkcenter Blvd., Ste.300
Boise, ID 83706 jrapp@silverbacklearning.com
208-481-2300



Annuities, life insurance
430 Ryman St., #102
Missoula, MT 59892
Brian.Olsen@valic.com
406-329-5500



School property & liability insurance
1200 North Montana Ave.
Helena, MT. 59601
rhoman@paynewest.com
406-533-1035

Montana Mountain Sponsors



Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Solutions
34 West 6th Avenue, Suite 2B
Helena, MT 59601
bsolan@ameresco.com
406-461-7432



Lowest total operational cost clean buildings
2525 Overland Avenue
Billings, MT 59102
brucoeducation@gmail.com
800-652-1020



School portraits, yearbooks & sports portraits
2110 Overland Ave., #115A
Billings, MT 59102 jvagner@lifetouch.com
800-862-7183



C&C School Accounting Software
For Schools In Montana Since 1980
Help@CandCSchoolAccounting.com
(800)-442-6107



Safe, Easily Managed School Networks
106 East Sixth Street, Suite 500
Austin TX 48701
JArnold@lightspeedsystems.com
512-904-0544



Auto, homeowners, life insurance and financial services
1 Horace Mann Plaza
Springfield, IL 62715
Randy.Feid@HoraceMann.com
781-364-4996



School Workers' Compensation & Liability Coverage
PO Box 7029 - Helena, MT 59601
sbubb@mtsba.org
Phone: 406-457-4418



College Assistance, Job Skill Training
1956 MT Majo Street
Fort Harrison, MT 59636
todd.j.carver.mil@mail.mil



A leading provider of comprehensive Custodial, Grounds & Facility Operations and Maintenance Services
4702 Western Ave. Suite 101
Knoxville, TN 37921
gcaeducation@gcaservices.com



Connecting Schools, Parents, and Communities through Cloud-Based Communication Tools
218 N. 3rd Ave
Durant, OK 74701
sales@gabbart.com
580-931-6894



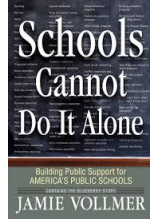
Professional Learning Organization
1031 N. Academic Way, Ste. 242
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814
hroggers@nccce.org
Phone: 208-292-2529



Amanda Burnette
3001 Metro Drive, Suite 480
Bloomington, MN. 55425
amanda.burnette@winsorlearning.com



Professional Preconstruction &
Construction Manager
Mark Qualman
Billings, MT
mark@costgurus.com
406-412-7650



The Great Conversation Series
Jamie Vollmer
jamie@jamievollmer.com
641-472-1558



FICO
Rick Ruiz, Business Development
800 7th Ave. North
Great Falls, MT. 59911
406-452-0009



Standards-based digital curriculum
resources for K-12 classrooms
Emily Keith
EKeith@discoveryed.com
847-337-9546



K-12 online curriculum and blended learning solutions
Michael Bullock
Michael.bullock@edgenuity.com
480-347-6008

Montana Meadow Sponsors



A Kelly Services® Company

Maya Burnaugh
3001 Metro Drive, Suite 200
Bloomington, MN. 55425
mburnaugh@teachersoncall.com



School Accounting Software
145 Southlake Crest, Suite 1
Polson, MT. 59860
sales@blackmountainsoftware.com
Phone: 800-353-8829



Targeted Professional Development
Daniel Sybrant
557 Cow Creek Lane
Corvallis, MT
Daniel.Sybrant@measuredprogress.org
888-413-3669, ext. 5776



Network and Communications Solutions
904 C Avenue
Circle, MT 59215
Christine.Donnelly@midrivers.coop
Phone: 406-234-7470



Technology planning, project &
solution services
2135 Charlotte Street
Bozeman MT 59718
bvanleeve@pinecc.com
406-294-5470



Systems and applications to reduce the
financial burden of federal student loans
breck@essources.com
833-468-9666

900 N. Montana Ave. Suite A-4 | Helena, MT. 59601 | Phone (406)442-2510 | Fax (406)442-2518

www.sammt.org

This email was sent to samks@sammt.org by samks@sammt.org

School Administrators of Montana • 900 N. Montana Ave., Suite A-4, Helena, Montana 59601, United States • 406-442-2510

[Remove My Email or Manage Preferences](#) • [Privacy Policy](#)

powered by MemberClicks

School Administrators of Montana <saom@memberclicks-mail.net>
Reply-To: samks@sammt.org
To: samks@sammt.org

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 4:04 PM

[Quoted text hidden]