

School Administrators of Montana



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

SAM Update – MCASE Governing Board Web Meeting – 4/14/21

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](#) (adopted by the SAM Board 10/18/18) 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 3rd Quarter 2020-21](#)

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.
- **COVID-19 Information for Schools** SAM webpage for Administrators
 - [Montana ESSER I, ESSER II, ESSER III Estimated Federal Stimulus Allocations by District 4-7-21](#) (from the OPI website) is the best current estimate of funding intended for schools as the legislature continues their work on the appropriation of federal ESSER II ([HB 630](#)) and ESSER III ([HB 632](#)) federal funds.
- [Recruitment and Retention of Quality Educators Update](#)
 - [2020-21 SAM Administrative Vacancy Report Executive Summary](#)
 - [Montana District/School Leadership Staffing Report 2020-21](#)
 - [RISE4MT Update January 2020](#) webpage
 - [OPI Educator Recruitment and Retention](#) webpage
 - [2020-21 SAM Administrative Vacancy Report Executive Summary](#)
- [GREAT 2020](#) released at MCEL 2020 on Oct 15 with polling of Montanans and public school support
- [K-12 Vision Group](#) webpage
- [School Safety](#) and [MT-PEC Project Safe Schools](#) and [Suicide Prevention](#)
- [SAM Needs Assessment 2021 Executive Summary](#) and the [SAM Needs Assessment Data Disaggregated by Affiliate 2021](#) provides recommendations for future professional learning, advocacy, and services.
- [Broadband Connectivity Progress](#), [ESH Report](#) and [Montana Progress Report, One-Pager 6/8/20](#)
- [Student Data Privacy/Terms of Service META Project – HB 745 – Launch – MTSPA](#)

Advocacy

- [2021 Legislative Session](#) Update
- [Federal Advocacy](#) Update

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 7 years, SAM LPLP has supported 490 administrators in meeting their personalized professional learning needs.
 - [SAM LPLP 2020-21](#) with 70 administrators registered and 8 [CLNs](#) collaborative efforts in progress, and the [SAM LPLP Huddle](#) highlighting resources. See the [SAM LPLP 2020-21 Mid Year Executive Summary](#).
 - [SAM LPLP 2021-22](#) will launch on April 16, 2021. Many creative opportunities for personalized professional learning being developed.
- SAM annually assists in the operation of 11 conferences creating learning opportunities for our members. See the ‘Professional Learning’ [‘Conferences’](#) tab on the website.
 - [2021 MCASE/MCEC Joint Virtual Conference](#) on April 15
 - [SAM Excellence Celebration and Advocacy Events on June 9-11, 2021](#) – Planned for blended delivery with in person events in Helena. Evening of Excellence, SAM Delegate Assembly, SAM Board of Directors Meeting, and SAM Golf Scramble are being planned. Event plans will follow COVID-19 CDC guidelines.
 - [SAM Administrators Institute 2021](#) on July 26-28, 2021 – Planned for blended delivery with in person conference in Helena. “Reimagining the Future with Strategies of Hope Moving Forward” with focus zones including Social, Emotional & Mental Health, Accelerating Learning, and Infrastructure Needs, along with Celebrating 50 Years of SAM. Event plans will follow COVID-19 CDC guidelines.
 - [MCEL 2021](#) on October 20-22, 2021 planned for Helena with blended delivery.
- [MT-PEC planning Collaborative Professional Learning following the 2021 Legislative Session](#).
- [MT-PEC Collaborative Professional Development Flexibility & Efficiency - Framework](#)
- [SAM Membership](#) [Join Here](#) [Benefits](#) [SAM Web Calendar](#)
- [SAM Youth Endowment](#) – Distributed
- [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...

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