**UASSP UPDATE – November 2, 2021**

Secondary Administrators,

It is hard to believe that it is November! We are "thankful" for such amazing secondary administrators in Utah! Please make note of the following two things:

1. **Attention Assistant Principals**

Friday is the last day to register for the UASSP Assistant Principal's Conference that will be held next Wednesday, November 10 at The Gardens at Thanksgiving Point. Registration/breakfast will be at 8 AM, conference will begin at 8:30 AM and will conclude by 2:30 PM.

We are excited to have Carol Lear, Educational Attorney, share some insights with us about current topics that you are all facing in your schools. Dan Linford from DSD will present on whatever your next step is as a school leader, that may be a principal or a district assignment. James Lawrence, the Iron Cowboy will help us redefine the word Impossible, which is what it feels like our jobs are these days! Amber Shill, President of the Utah State School Board Association, is excited to acknowledge and thank you for the great job you are doing this year. Please see the following links for the conference agenda and bios.

We will have excellent presenters, lots of good food, snacks, prizes and great company.

Register now at [uassp.org](https://uassp.org/).

[Assistant Principals Conference Agenda Link](https://uasspcdn.s3.amazonaws.com/upload/20211102_APConferenceAgenda.pdf)

[AP Conference Presenter Bios Link](https://uasspcdn.s3.amazonaws.com/upload/20211102_APConferenceBios.pdf)

2. **Please read the following invitation from Lisa Young @ USBE**  
  
Dear Utah Educators,  
   
We are excited to announce two opportunities for you to consider:

* Provide input into the development of Utah's Portrait of a First Year Principal
* Provide input on educator evaluation in Utah

The Utah Portrait of a First Year Principal will help establish the foundational knowledge, skills, and dispositions that first year principals need to be able to engage in effective leadership practices that result in increased student learning and other important student and school outcomes. It will be informed by current research on effective leadership practice and the experience and perspectives of educators serving in different roles and organizations across Utah.  
   
Additionally, based on the feedback of many different stakeholders, our team is revisiting our current Utah Educator Evaluation System. We would love to engage with you around best practices in educator evaluation and gain insights into what changes to our current system (if any) you would value.  
   
If you would like to participate in either of these efforts, we encourage you to [express interest through this survey](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSehei4a-5VLbXMGaa80Pfw7wOxXn3Ra1eLE42MW3j7A1vYZDw/viewform?usp=sf_link) by November 4, 2021. Our goal is to keep our stakeholder input sessions large enough to capture the perspectives of educators serving in different roles and organizations across Utah and small enough to support meaningful engagement. We plan to offer multiple sessions and hope to include all educators who express interest. However, depending on the response to this invitation, some educators who express interest may be invited to provide input in other ways.  
   
We currently plan to convene stakeholder input groups between November 2021 and January 2022.  
   
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Thanks for all you do! Have a great week.  
  
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