**UASSP Update – September 29, 2021**

Happy Fall Secondary Administrators in Utah!

It has been fun to visit many of your schools and to see the amazing things going on all around the state. Thank you for your passion when it comes to helping our secondary students be successful!

Congratulations to Jane Bradbury! She is retiring after 18 years as the Secretary to UASSP. We appreciate her service. We will have an opportunity to honor her at both the Secretaries and Assistant Principals Conferences! We love you Jane!

The following are a few things to remember:

1. **UASSP Secretaries Conference**
Have you invited your secretaries to sign up for the UASSP Secretaries Conference? They deserve a day to learn, relax and enjoy the company of secretaries from all over the state. The conference is next Thursday, October 7 at the Show Barn at Thanksgiving Point. Registration is open until Friday, October 1. See the following for more information:
[UASSP Secretaries Conference](https://uasspcdn.s3.amazonaws.com/upload/2021_UASSP_Secretaries_Conference_Flyer.pdf)

2. **Legislative Information - Connect and Communicate with Legislators**
The Three-year Legislative priorities of the JLC (Superintendents, Board Members and Business Administrators) can be found here:
[JLC 3 Year Legislative Priorities](https://uasspcdn.s3.amazonaws.com/upload/2021_JLC_Legislative_Priorities.pdf)

The UASSP Executive Board and Legislative Council voted to support these priorities, as well as the following UASSP additions:
-Add SUPPORT STAFF to the priorities when it comes to recruiting and retaining. We are asking for funding so that we can compete when people have other job opportunities outside of the school system.
-ESL Support and Funding - Many districts are seeing an increase in refugees.

Contact one of your Executive Board or Legislative Council Members if you have questions or concerns. Remember to "Connect and Communicate" with your local legislators and board members.

3. **Principal of the Year and Assistant Principal of the Year Nominations Open**
You have the opportunity to nominate your colleagues to be candidates for the following: Middle School Principal of the Year, High School Principal of the Year, and Assistant Principal of the Year. Please take just a few minutes to fill out the following form. Nominations must be submitted by Monday, October 11.
[POY and APOY Nomination Form](https://uassp.org/forms/nomination-forms/614b92e2780ac)

We are proud of our current UASSP Principals and Assistant Principal of the Year. High School POY is Brian McGill (Canyons), Middle School POY is Ryan McGuire (Nebo) and AP is Heather Gerrard (Weber). The National (Virtual) Awards Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, October 5 at 2 PM. You can watch the ceremony at the following:
[National Awards Ceremony](https://nasspawards.d2virtual.com/)

4. **Assistant Principals Conference**
The UASSP Assistant Principals Conference will be on Wednesday, November 10 at The Gardens at Thanksgiving Point. We know that AP's have plenty to do at school every day. Take a day to collaborate with colleagues from across the state and learn about some of the challenges that you are facing in your current job. We have great presenters, lots of food, gifts and prizes as well as good company. See the following for more information:
[Assistant Principals Conference](https://uasspcdn.s3.amazonaws.com/upload/2021_UASSP_AP_Conference_Flyer.pdf)

5. **UASSP Social Media**
Follow us on Instagram and Twitter @UASSP. Share the great things going on in your school with us so that we can help you celebrate!

6. **Shout Out - From USBE**
Amber Shill, the President of the Utah State Board of Education, asked that I express appreciation to you from the USBE. They acknowledge the challenges that you are going through and want to say thank you!

The UASSP Executive Board would like to thank you as well. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to help you, or if you have any questions or concerns.

The secondary students in Utah are in great hands!

Rhonda