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| UASSP Update  October 25, 2022  Secondary Principals,  Happy Red Ribbon Week! We are officially one quarter of the way through the school year. Congratulations to all of you. There are many great things going on in our secondary schools in Utah!  We have some exciting things happening. Please make note of the following:  1. **Power Hour with Rob Cuff** We are excited to have a **Power Hour this Thursday, October 27 at 10 AM**. The guest for the one hour virtual event will be **Rob Cuff, Executive Director of the Utah High School** **Activities Association**. He will share current things happening at UHSAA, including the process for re-alignment and classifications (without talking about specific school situations), the importance of keeping athletics in our schools, updates about transgender athletes in Utah, and much more. Information will benefit both high school and middle level administrators. **If you would like the link for the Power Hour with Rob Cuff on Thursday at 10 AM, please email**[rhonda.bromley@uassp.org](mailto:rhonda.bromley@uassp.org)**.**  2. **UASSP Assistant Principals Conference** We are just two weeks away from our AP Conference on November 9. The theme is **"Courage to Lead....and GROW."** It will be held at The Gardens at Thanksgiving Point with registration and breakfast starting at 8 AM. We have great speakers, activities, food, collaboration, and more. Register now at [uassp.org](http://uassp.org/). See the following links for the full agenda and speaker bios:  [Assistant Principals Conference Agenda](https://uasspcdn.s3.amazonaws.com/upload/221025_Assistant_Principals_Conference_Agenda.pdf) [AP Conference Speaker Bios](https://uasspcdn.s3.amazonaws.com/upload/221025_Assistant_Principal_Conference_Speaker_Bios.pdf)  3. **Legislative Update - *Connect and Communicate*** The UASSP Legislative Council and Executive Board voted to officially support the Legislative Priorities of the JLC (Superintendents, Board Members and Business Administrators). Please see the following link:  [JLC Legislative Priorities](https://uasspcdn.s3.amazonaws.com/upload/221025_JLC_Priorities_FINAL.docx)  We have the following concerns/additions that were shared with the UPEC team, which includes JLC leaders, and will share with our legislators as well:  A. Under "Quality Educators," could the option for retired educators to return to work without retirement benefit reductions be extended to classified employees as well?   B. Under "Policy," we are supportive of the elimination of curricular, co-curricular, and general fees **if replacement funding is provided**. Where is that replacement money going to come from? We are concerned about the potential of losing Trust Lands funds or other funding.  C. In addition to mental health support for students, we would love to see more help when it comes to the mental health of the adults in our schools as well.  We look forward to an upcoming Power Hour where we will invite a legislator to be our special guest as we are preparing for the upcoming session. Remember that all of us need to take the opportunity to ***Connect and Communicate*** with our local and state school board members and legislators. It is important that they hear your perspective about the great, and challenging, things going on in our schools. They are certainly hearing other perspectives often.    4. **Book of the Month** Our book this month is *The Gift of Failure* by Jessica Lahey. Check out the book review on the [uassp.org](http://uassp.org/) website by Todd Quarnberg, UASSP Executive Board Member and Principal of Herriman High School. This book is certainly a must read for educators and parents.   5. **Administrative Spotlight** Our spotlight this month is Principal Cindy Parkinson and her team at North Cache Middle School. According to Cache County School District Secondary Director Dave Swenson, "North Cache has a student centered, positive approach to changing student behavior." You will want to read about their Bulldog's **BARC** **(Behavior, Academic Achievement, Respect and Responsibility and Connections)**on the [uassp.org](http://uassp.org/) website. Great things are happening at North Cache Middle School. Congratulations!  6. **2023 Conferences - Mark Your Calendars Now** A. UASSP Mid-Winter Conference: January 23-25 at the Dixie Conference Center. B. UASSP Summer Conference: June 6-8 in Park City. C. NASSP National Conference: July 12-15 in Denver, Colorado.  Election Day is November 8. We encourage you to become educated about candidates and propositions, and of course take the opportunity to vote. This is an important election year for public education in Utah.   Please let any of your Executive Board Members know if you have questions or concerns. The secondary students in Utah are in good hands. Thank you!  Rhonda |