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| December 10, 2023Secondary Principals,It is fun to follow the exciting things going on in your schools at this busy time of the year. So many great performances, competitions, events and lots of service! We know these things are an important part of the school experience. Thank you for your efforts!Please make note of the following:1. **Power Hour with Abby Cox - This Wednesday**Utah First Lady Abby Cox is excited to meet with us for our Power Hour this **Wednesday, December 13 from 9-10 AM.**If you would like to join the Power Hour with Abby Cox, please email rhonda.bromley@uassp.org by 8 AM on Wednesday and I will send you the link. 2. **UASSP E-Magazine - The Impact Journal**Attached is both a flipbook version as well as a pdf version of our UASSP E-Magazine. You will find the following in this issues:A.*For Principals - Attitude is Everything* by Peter Glahn (American Fork HS)B. *Meet Our Utah Association of Student Councils* by Melissa Judy (Gunnison HS)C. *The Resilience Journey: 3 Observations on Overcoming Challenges* by Dan Biolo (Summit HS)D. *Getting Curious: A Game Changer in Education* by Darren Perkes (Mountain Crest)E. *Keep Showing Up* by Todd Dawson (Lone Peak HS)F. *Mission Possible - Rekindling a Calling Orientation in Educators* by Dr. David Boren, BYU School Leadership and Ben Quist, Senior @ BYU, Psychology and EnglishG. *Why Every School Should Have a Wellness Center*by Jennifer Bitton (Lehi HS)H. Review of Secretary and Assistant Principal Conferences[Fall Impact Journal - pdf](https://uasspcdn.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/upload/Impact_Fall_20231210.pdf)[Fall Impact Journal - flip](https://www.flipsnack.com/dsdk12/impact-fall-2023-1u9wis3tk5/full-view.html)Thanks to those that contributed to this edition. To submit an article for a future edition, please email jbartlow@dsdmail.net. 3. **Mid-Winter Conference - *Lead With Intention - To Embrace Opportunities***We are so excited for our Mid-Winter Conference on January 29-31 at the Dixie Conference Center in St. George. We have a great agenda planned. **Monday, January 29**  (Golf and Pickleball in the morning)The Opening Session will go from 3-5 PM.-UASSP President Shane Jones-UASSP Principals and Assistant Principal of the Year Announced and Honored-State Superintendent, Dr. Sydnee Dickson**Tuesday, January 30**(8 AM - 2 PM)-Keynote Speaker Jessica Lahey - Educator, Speaker and Author of ***The Gift of Failure***, NY Times Best Seller*-*Special Performance by the Utah Superintendent's Rock Band-Breakout Sessions - Topics include: School Finance, Vaping, Title IX in Athletics and Activities, AI in Secondary Schools, The Role of the SRO, and Utilizing Social Media to Connect with Parents, Students and the Community**Wednesday, January 31**(8 AM - 11:30 AM)-UASSP/NASSP Updates-*What's Said Here Stays Here*-Keynote Speaker Gerry Brooks - Author of ***Go See the Principal.***Gerry became famous on social media by using humor to encourage educators. -Lots of Prizes and Drawings[Online Conference Registration Link](https://uassp.org/mid-winter-conference-registration/)[Online Golf Registration Link](https://uassp.org/mid-winter-golf-registration/)If you have questions contact geri.mccauley@uassp.org or rhonda.bromley@uassp.org4. **Administrative Spotlight - Lava Ridge Intermediate**There are some great things going on a LRIS. Principals Launa Williams and her team have a *Here and Now Attendance Club* which helps motivate students to attend school regularly - and it's working! They know that school connectedness is an important protective factor for students, and because they can't serve students unless they attend, they designed a program that leans heavily on education and incentives that encourage students to develop good habits and change behaviors within their control. They challenge them to be HERE and start NOW. Read more about why this program has seen great success at [uassp.org](http://uassp.org/) under Administrative Spotlight. Keep up the great work Launa and the team at Lava Ridge!5. **Message from UVU and ULEAD***Principal job satisfaction and burnout are important concerns for school leaders today, particularly in the post-Covid world. At UVU and ULEAD, we are conducting a state-wide research study of principal job efficacy and job burnout to further understand these issues and how to better support and prepare school principals.  Specifically, the survey is sponsored by the K-12 Educational Leadership Program at Utah Valley University and the Utah State Board of Education’s ULEAD office (Utah Leading through Effective, Actionable, and Dynamic Education (*[*ULEAD website*](https://www.schools.utah.gov/ulead#:~:text=Utah%20Leading%20through%20Effective%2C%20Actionable%2C%20and%20Dynamic%20(ULEAD),of%20the%20Utah%20State%20Legislature)*).**Your participation is entirely voluntary and anonymous, but very important. You can choose not to answer any question and can discontinue participation at any time. Your input will help us understand these issues better and inform efforts to improve leadership preparation and support in Utah.****If you are a current Utah school principal and can share 15 minutes of your time to help us in this effort, please click***[***here***](https://transform.mindgarden.com/survey/43038/98b)***to continue to the survey.****With the support of UASSP (Utah Association of Secondary School Principals) and UAESP (Utah Association of Elementary School Principals) we are inviting all K-12 Principals in Utah to contribute by taking a survey. The responses will be studied to identify the current status of these issues and to identify trends and ideas that can inform principal training and support.  These insights will be made available to state, university, and local educational entities to inform their practices.**If you have any questions about this study, please contact Dr. Dale Cox (UVU) at**dcox@uvu.edu**or Dr. Meghan Everette (ULEAD) at**Meghan.Everette@schools.utah.gov**. As with survey responses, all correspondence will be kept confidential.* Enjoy the last couple of weeks of school before the well deserved Holiday break. We appreciate all you do for the secondary students in Utah! Rhonda |

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