



UTAH ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

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Secondary Principals,

There are some school districts in Utah that have high school graduation and middle level advancement ceremonies starting this week. Good luck to those of you that are involved. There is certainly a lot of excitement in our secondary schools.

Please make note of the following:

1. **UASSP Summer Conference**

The UASSP Summer Conference will be on June 9-11 at the Eccles Center in Park City. Register now at uassp.org.

See the agenda and speak bios at the following links:

[UASSP Summer Conference Agenda](#)

[Speaker Bios](#)

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Golf/Pickleball/Mountain Biking - Monday morning

For those interested in playing golf, you will register and pay along with your conference registration. If you would like to play pickleball or go mountain biking, please email rhonda.bromley@uassp.org.

There is still time to get the conference rate at the **Sheraton Park City**. The last day to get the discount is Monday, May 19 (That is tomorrow!)

Click the reservation link: [Book your group rate for UASSP rooms](#)

2. **State Superintendent Finalists**

The Utah State Board of Education is in the process of hiring the new State Superintendent of Public Instruction that will follow Dr. Sydnee Dickson when she retires in June. They issued the following press release about the finalists this week:

Utah State Board of Education Announces Finalists for State Superintendent of Public Instruction

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) has announced the finalists for the position of State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Two finalists have been selected following an extensive search and review process by the Board’s search committee. The individuals advancing to the final stage of consideration are:

- **Dr. L. Ben Dalton** has served as Superintendent of Kane County School District since 2016 and previously led the Garfield School District. A first-generation college graduate from Minersville, Utah, Dr. Dalton has over 20 years of experience in public education and was named Utah’s Superintendent of the Year in 2022. He holds a Doctorate in Leadership and Technology and has been recognized for his commitment to academic excellence and rural education.
- **Dr. Molly L. Hart** is the Executive Director of Summit Academy and has more than 20 years of experience in education, serving in roles from teacher to principal across multiple states and grade levels. She holds a Doctorate in Family-Community Services from Michigan State University and has been honored with the Utah PTA Outstanding School Administrator Award. Dr. Hart is a strong advocate for student achievement and community engagement. She currently represents District 7 on the Utah State Board of Education.

These candidates will participate in a public interview process with the full Board during a specially scheduled meeting, which will be held at the USBE building on Wednesday, May 21 from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m.

In accordance with Utah Code 52-4, the meeting will be held as an open and public session. Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting in person or view it via the Board’s official livestream on the [USBE Media Channel](#).

During the meeting, members of the State Board will interview each finalist. Following the public interviews, the Board will enter a closed executive session to discuss the character and professional competence of the candidates. The Board anticipates returning to open session directly after the executive session to appoint Utah’s next State Superintendent of Public Instruction that evening.

The new superintendent will succeed Dr. Sydnee Dickson, who has served as State Superintendent since 2016 and will step down from her role in June.

Direct Link to USBE Media Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@USBE-Media>

We are so grateful for the service of Superintendent Syd Dickson. She has continued to be a member of our UASSP throughout her years in this role. She has always been supportive of principals and has made time to participate with us at our conferences and Power Hours. She will certainly be "a tough act to follow." We wish both Dr. Ben Dalton and Dr. Molly Hart luck this week as they continue through the process.

Whether you are finishing up this week or you have one or two weeks left to go, don't forget to enjoy every minute of it!

Rhonda
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