

UTAH ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

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Secondary Principals,

On this Memorial Day, we remember and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Many of you had your last day of school this past week. Congratulations on successful end of year ceremonies and graduations. Good luck to those of you that are wrapping things up over the next one or two weeks.

Please make note of the following:

1. UASSP SUMMER CONFERENCE IN TWO WEEKS - Lead With Focus

There is still time to register for our UASSP Summer Conference. It will be on June 9-11 at the Eccles Center in Park City. Register now at <u>uassp.org</u>. The last day to register is June 6.

See the agenda and speaker bios at the following links:

<u>UASSP Summer Conference Agenda</u> <u>Speaker Bios</u> POY/APOY

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.

2. Congratulations National Principal of the Year Finalist

We are proud of our UASSP High School Principal of the Year, Shauna Haney. She has been announced as a finalist for National Principal of the Year. Congratulations and Good Luck Shauna!

3. New State Superintendent Announced

The Utah State Board of Education issued the following news release this week:

Dr. Molly Hart to Lead Utah's Public Schools as New State Superintendent of Public Instruction

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) has named Dr. Molly L. Hart as the next State Superintendent of Public Instruction, following a month-long recruitment process by the Board's Selection Committee, and interviews with the full Board.

"Education is the promise we make to the future," said Dr. Hart, "as I step into this role, my mission is clear: to ensure every child in Utah, no matter their background or circumstance, has access to an excellent education. That work begins with listening—to students, to educators, to families—and building a system where every voice matters and every student can thrive."

Dr. 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 Educational Leadership from Valdosta 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.

"The Board is excited to welcome Dr. Hart as the next Superintendent," said Board Chair Matt Hymas. "We look forward to working as partners to continue the Board's mission of opening doors of opportunity for all Utah children."

Dr. Hart will succeed Dr. Sydnee Dickson as Utah's State Superintendent of Public Instruction when she steps down next month, concluding nine years of dedicated service.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our summer conference in two weeks. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Rhonda

