



UTAH ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

September 21, 2025

Secondary Principals,

Fall is a great time of the year to **connect and communicate** with your local legislators and state school board members. Invite them to an assembly, a faculty luncheon, or even a football game. The legislative session will be here before we know it. It is important for us to build relationships with our state leaders so that we can have open dialogue about important educational decisions.

Our thoughts and prayers are with some of our secondary schools that have recently experienced the loss of a student and/or a faculty member. We are also mindful of other types of challenges you are experiencing. You have the support and the love of administrators all across the state of Utah.

Please make note of the following:

1. Power Hour this Wednesday with State Superintendent, Dr. Molly Hart

We are looking forward to our Power Hour this Wednesday from 9 -10 AM.

Dr. Hart is excited to introduce herself to us and talk about her vision for education in Utah. If you would like a link to join the Power Hour this Wednesday at 9 AM, please email rhonda.bromley@uassp.org.

2. Book of the Month by UASSP Board Member Cerissa Thompson

Leading a High Reliability School has a framework for building a safe, effective, and continuously improving school, which is grounded in data, collaboration, and leadership. This goes hand in hand with *The Art and Science of Teaching Handbook* which will help me help my teachers become more intentional, research-informed, and reflective educators. These strategies are proven to increase student engagement and learning outcomes. The Art and Science of Teaching also supports level 2 in the High Reliability Schools framework. For more information, go to uassp.org under "Books of the Month."

We highlight at least one educational book every month. All previous books of the month can be found at uassp.org.

3. Secretary Conference - October 1

We love bringing the secondary secretaries together every fall to celebrate them. This year, the conference is on October 1 at The Barn at Thanksgiving Point. The theme is **Utah Secondary Secretaries are Out of this World!** Some of our keynote speakers/presentations include: Matt Pennington, Justin Osmond, Emily Traveller, and Sean Johnson. We will also be announcing our 2025 Utah Secretaries of the

Year. Please encourage your secretaries to register. The invitation, agenda and registration can be found at the following links:

[Secretaries' Conference Invitation](#)

[Conference Agenda](#)

[Secretaries' Conference Registration](#)

4. UASSP Membership

If you haven't yet done so, it is time to register for UASSP and NASSP for the 2025-26 school year. This applies to both new members as well as those that have been members in the past. You can either join online, or print a hard copy and mail it to the address below. For information on the benefits of being a member, please see the following:

[Why Join UASSP/NASSP and UASC?](#)

We appreciate the support of the Superintendents in encouraging administrators in their districts to join. Our goal is 100% membership this year. Join at the following link:

[UASSP/NASSP/UASC Membership Registration](#)

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5. Nominations for POY and APOY Due this Friday

The national time frame for honoring both principals and assistant principals of the year has been moved up this year. Nominations are now open for high school and middle level principals and assistant principals of the year. Winners will be announced at the Mid-Winter Conference in January.

If you would like to nominate someone for POY or APOY, please fill out the following forms. (Note: In order to be eligible, the nominee has to have been in their position for at least three years, not counting this year. Same position, not necessarily at the same school. For example: someone may have been a high school principal at three different high schools over the past 8 years but this is their first year at their current school - they would be eligible.) **Nominations are due this Friday, September 26.**

[Principal of the Year Nomination Form](#)

[Assistant Principal of the Year Nomination Form](#)

6. Upcoming Conferences

Mark your calendars now for the following conferences:

Assistant Principal's Conference - November 5 at Thanksgiving Point

Mid-Winter Conference - January 26-28, 2026 in St. George

Summer Conference - June 8-10, 2026 in Park City

Our UASSP Leadership Team spent a few days with leaders from other Western states. We were able to collaborate and learn from each other. It was fun for our team to share what amazing administrators we have at our secondary schools in Utah. Thanks for all you do.

Rhonda
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