



UTAH ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

January 11, 2026

Secondary Principals,

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a fun and relaxing holiday season. We are looking forward to the amazing things that will happen in our secondary schools in 2026!

Please make note of the following:

1. Legislative Power Hour this Wednesday

Our next Power Hour will be **this Wednesday, January 14 at 10 AM**. Our guest is **Lexi Cunningham**, Executive Director of the USSA and USBA. The Utah legislative session will be starting soon. Lexi will share specific details about the education bills. If you would like a link to join the Power Hour and have not yet done so, email rhonda.bromley@uassp.org.

2. UASSP Mid-Winter Conference - January 26-28

We are just a few weeks away from our annual UASSP Mid-Winter Conference. It will be held at the Dixie Convention Center in St. George. We have an amazing three days planned where we will learn, collaborate and celebrate together as secondary administrators.

Keynote Speakers include:

Dr. Molly Hart: *A Message From the State Superintendent*

Elizabeth Smart: *Smart Resiliency*

Kirby Hayborne: *Finding Joy in Leadership*

Ben Snyder: *Success on the Other Side of Adversity*

School Crisis Panel

See the following link for the full agenda as well as keynote speaker bios:

Breakout Sessions:

We are excited about the breakout sessions that are being offered at the conference:

A. The Structure and Function of the Utah High School Activities Association

Presenters: Rob Cuff and Brenan Jackson, UHSAA

B. How School Leaders Can Use AI (Without Losing their Minds)

Presented by Glen Richins, Fort Herriman Middle School Principal

C. Utah Principal Burnout: Prevalence, Causes, and Remedies

Presented by Spencer Weiler and Sterling Hilton, BYU

D. The Power of the Circle: Women Leading, Lifting and Learning

Presented by Cheri Stevenson, Assistant Superintendent, WCSD

E. Proactively Addressing Harmful and Discriminatory Speech in Schools

Presented by Jamal Pugmire, MSW, LCSW

F. Branding with Purpose on School Campuses

Presented by Sam Murphy, IMPACT Director

G. New Administrators: Wise Words from Wise Guys

Presented by Peter Glahn and Todd Dawson, AF and LP Principals

H. Hope Has Backup: State Support When Schools Face Crisis

Presented by Cathy Davis, USBE

Optional Activities available the morning of Monday, January 26:

Golf: There will be an option to golf either 9 or 18 holes. You will register for golf along with your conference registration. **Golf will be played at the Green Springs Golf Course in Washington City this year.**

Pickleball: If you are interested in playing pickleball at 10 AM at The Picklr in St. George, please email rhonda.bromley@uassp.org. Beginners to advanced players are invited to join. Paddles will be available if needed.

Register for the conference now at uassp.org.

3. HOTEL DISCOUNT DEADLINE TOMORROW, MONDAY, JANUARY 12

The following hotel links will get you the discounted conference rates:

[Book Your Discount at Hilton Garden Inn Here](#)

Next to the Dixie Convention Center

\$122 - Link expires January 12th (TOMORROW)

[Book Your Discount at Holiday Inn Here](#)

2 min drive from Dixie Convention Center

\$110 - Link expires January 12th (TOMORROW)

4. Celebration of Public Education

On Wednesday, January 21, 2026, from 3 PM to 6 PM, the Utah School Boards Association will be celebrating public education in the Rotunda of the Utah Capitol. USBA wants to showcase the great things happening in schools across the state. We are looking for schools to showcase clubs, activities, artwork, classroom work, and student involvement. There will be tables in the Rotunda to showcase schools and students. A 10X10 space will be provided as well as a table and two chairs. Set up begins at 2:45 PM and take down by 6:30 PM. Districts will be responsible for providing transportation. If you have any questions, please email Lexi Cunningham (lcunningham@usba.cc)

Link - [Celebrate Public Education](#)

5. Upcoming Utah Legislative Session - *Connect and Communicate*

The legislative session in Utah will begin soon. As a reminder, the UASSP Executive Board and Legislative Council voted to approve the JLC Priorities for the upcoming legislative session. We also added a UASSP priority about continuing state funding for CTO's. Thanks for your help with our goal to **Connect and Communicate** with your local legislators so that we can be part of the conversations during the session. Please contact UASSP State Coordinator Peter Glahn at pglahn@alpinedistrict.org if you have any questions.

We are looking forward to seeing you in a few weeks at the conference.

2026 is going to be a great year for our Utah Association of Secondary School Principals. We appreciate all that you do for the students in Utah!

Rhonda
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