



UTAH ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

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Secondary Principals,

A reminder that January is School Board Recognition Month. You have two weeks left to recognize and thank your local and state school board members.

Please make note of the following:

1. Final Week to Register for the UASSP Mid-Winter Conference

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We are ONE week away from our annual UASSP Mid-Winter Conference. It will be held January 26-28 at the Dixie Convention Center in St. George. Register by this THURSDAY at uassp.org.

We are excited to have secondary administrators in Utah ***Learn, Collaborate, and Celebrate*** together. We have amazing keynote and breakout session speakers, a school crisis panel, principals and assistant principals of the year, activities, good food, prizes, vendors/sponsors, and more!

The Conference Agenda and Presenter Bios can be found at the following links:

[Mid-Winter Conference Agenda](#)

[Breakout Session Schedule](#)

[Keynote Speaker Bios](#)

[Breakout Presenter Bios](#)

You will want to be there early on the first day. From 1:30 - 3 PM you will have the opportunity to visit with our vendors, enjoy drinks and snacks, be entertained by some of our local high school students, pick out FREE professional books, and have the chance to win multiple prizes.

Optional Activities available the morning of Monday, January 26:

A. Golf: You will register for golf along with your conference registration. **Please Note: Golf will be played at the Green Springs Golf Course in Washington City this year.**

B. 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 at no cost. Paddles are available if needed.

REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE NOW AT uassp.org.

2. *Professional Learning.....Pay it Forward*

We are excited to have an addition to our Mid-Winter Conference this year. It is called *Professional Learning.....Pay it Forward*. We have administrators from across the state, district superintendents, USBE, as well as local colleges and universities, that have donated hundreds of educational and leadership books from their own bookshelves. We will have tables set up at the conference where participants can choose any book(s) that they feel could help them professionally, free! In addition, if you have any book(s) that you would like to donate - bring them with you to the conference and add to the tables. Many of us have duplicates of the same book, or books we may not need anymore in our current assignments. Let's all *Pay it Forward* and help other administrators! One of our goals in UASSP is to continue learning. Professional books are a great way to do just that!

3. Power Hour with Lexi Cunningham Review

Thanks to those of you that were able to join the Power Hour last week. We appreciate Lexi Cunningham for joining us. She did a great job reviewing the education bills for the upcoming session. See the following link for a review of the Power Hour:

[Power Hour with Lexi Cunningham Review](#)

4. 2026 Utah Legislative Session

The legislative session will soon begin. Thank you for being willing to ***connect and communicate*** with your local legislators. It is important that we stay informed and ensure that our voices are heard when it comes to educational decisions. The following is a current list of things that we encourage you to talk about: (see the Power Hour review for details)

- A. Continue funding CTSO's at the state level. *Tell Your Story* about the importance for students.
- B. Ask NOT to pull the \$17M back from schools that was allocated to help with school fees.
- C. PRESS PAUSE – Some states have a law that only allows education bills every other year. That gives schools/districts time to stay caught up (or at least try).
- D. Governor's Literacy Focus – Secondary schools also need interventions for students that have continued through the system without learning how to read.
- E. If there is any safety money that will be allocated this year, we want it to go directly to the schools for their safety plans.

We are excited to see you next week at the conference. Remember, the last day to register is Thursday!

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