



UTAH ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

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Secondary Principals,

We are thinking about the Murray High School Community following the fire that happened at their school last week. Although the school sustained some damage, we are grateful that no students or staff suffered serious injuries. Students will remain online for three weeks until they are allowed to return to the school.

Please make note of the following:

1. **Legislative Update**

See the latest bill tracker at the following link:

[Legislative Bill Tracker 2/20](#)

Thanks to those of you who reached out to your legislators about HB 360 (Student Transfers) and SB 271 (Moving UHSAA under the State Board of Education). HB 360 was voted down 4-1 and, due to time constraints, will likely not be heard again this session. HB 360 was officially tabled for this year.

Legislators have commented several times this year about hearing from school principals regarding various issues. Thanks for your willingness to *connect and communicate*. The Legislative Session ends at midnight on Friday, March 6.

2. **Book of the Month**

UASSP Executive Board Member Karen Soper reviewed a book that, according to her, every leader needs to read. *The Next Conversation: Argue Less, Connect More* is written by Jefferson Fisher.

Rather than winning an argument, the goal of communication should be creating connection and understanding—especially in emotionally charged situations. "The way you handle the next conversation determines whether trust grows or conflict escalates."

See the full review at the following link:

[The Next Conversation: Argue Less, Connect More](#)

See other Book of the Month reviews at uassp.org.

3. **UASSP Summer Conference "Ed" Talks**

Back by popular demand....."Ed Talks!" We had such great feedback from our summer conferences the

last two years that we are bringing them back this year! We will have several Utah secondary administrators participate by sharing a 10-15 minute presentation on a topic of their choice. If you are interested in presenting, please email your topic and a short paragraph describing the presentation's content to rhonda.bromley@uassp.org. If you know of an administrator we should contact about presenting on a specific topic, please share that information as well.

4. 1A/2A Representative on the UHSAA Board of Trustees

Schools in classifications 1A and 2A will vote later this week on their representative for the UHSAA Board of Trustees. We appreciate Devin Smith, Principal at North Summit High School, for his two years of service on the BOT. Since Devin is from a 2A school, his replacement must come from a 1A school. If you are from a 1A or a 2A school, watch for that ballot.

5. UASC State Student Leadership Applications

Please share the following link with any student at your school who you feel would be a good fit for our UASC Student Leadership Council. If you have any questions, contact Melissa Judy at melissa.judy@ssanpete.org or Jason Averett at javerett@alpinedistrict.org.

[UASC Application](#)

Most of our winter sports and activities are winding down. The spring season officially kicks off next week. Thanks for all you do for our secondary students in Utah!

Rhonda
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