



UTAH ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

April 27, 2026

Secondary Principals,

Tomorrow (April 28) is National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day! Remember to do something to thank your amazing bus drivers. In addition, May 4-8 is National Teacher Appreciation Week and May 6 is National School Nurse Day.

Please make note of the following:

1. POWER HOUR WITH RYAN BISHOP THIS THURSDAY

Ryan Bishop was named the new Executive Director of the Utah High School Activities Association. He is the Principal of Wasatch High School and a member of the UASSP Legislative Council. Ryan is excited to partner with principals in Utah. We look forward to getting to know Ryan at our next **Power Hour** this **Thursday, April 30 at 10 AM**. Ryan will share his vision for UHSAA and would love to hear school leaders' concerns, questions and priorities. If you would like the link to the one hour, virtual discussion and have not yet done so, email rhonda.bromley@uassp.org.

2. VOTE FOR UASSP EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Please take a few minutes to vote for the following positions on the UASSP Board. Voting will close on Friday, May 1. Vote using the following link:

[UASSP Board Elections for 2026-27](#)

Large High School Representative:

Ken Rowley - Alta High School

Marielle Rawle - Brighton High School

Large Middle Level School Representative:

Lisa Jackson - Oquirrh Hills Middle School

Shelly Karren - Indian Hills Middle School

Adam Thompson - Fairfield Junior High School

Cecily Yeagar - Diamond Fork Middle School

Specialty School Representative:

Josh Bell - George Washington High School

Amy Boettger - Diamond Ridge High School
Kelly Russell - Independence High School

High School Assistant Principal Representative:

Taylor Allen - Weber High School
Melody Apezteguia - American Fork High School
Darren Warn - Skyridge High School

3. UASSP SUMMER CONFERENCE - June 8-10

Our UASSP Summer Conference will be held at the Eccles Center at Park City High School again this year. The conference will begin with registration on Monday, June 8 at 1:30 PM, with the opening session at 3 PM. The conference will conclude on Wednesday, June 10 at 11:30 AM. Golf and Pickleball options will be available on the morning of June 8. Some of our keynote speakers include:

Sandy Zimmerman: Has shared her message of strength and perseverance with audiences on The Kelly Clarkson Show, CNN, E! News, the Huffington Post and Women's Health. She is a 10-time competitor on NBC's hit show American Ninja Warrior. She was inducted into the National Teacher Hall of Fame, is a TEDx speaker, a national judo champion, and author of the book "Get Out of the Car."

Brad Cohen: Author of the book "Front of the Class: How Tourette Syndrome Made Me the Teacher I Never Had." The book about his story was made into a Hallmark Hall of Fame movie. He was given the *First Class Teacher of the Year* Award and appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show.

Tim Clue: An award winning writer, educator and comedian who opened for Jerry Seinfeld. He combines comedy, improv, and teaching expertise to help organizations across the nation build connections, strengthen focus, and rethink how teams learn and collaborate.

In addition to our Keynote Speakers, there will be "ED" Talks, presentations from Principals and Assistant Principals of the Year, honors for retiring principals, entertainment, good food, great company, and more! Register now at uassp.org.

4. CONFERENCE HOTELS

See the following information for official conference hotels, which offer a discount for attendees:

[Sheraton Park City](#) (Marriott Hotel)

Book by May 11th

[Hotel Thaynes Park City](#) (Marriott Hotel)

Book by May 21st

5. Administrative Spotlight: Murray High School

On February 20 of this year, a fire at Murray High School resulted in several weeks of remote learning. This was the "ultimate test of leadership and system integrity." See the following link to find out how the administrative team at MHS dealt with the crisis and what they learned in the process. Great job and

thanks for sharing Quinn Linde, Paul Anderson, Jon Jensen and Amber Rogers.

[Trial by Fire - MHS Admin Spotlight](#)

6. American Exchange Project

The American Exchange Project gives graduated high school seniors the chance to participate in a unique adventure. The summer after graduating, they'll spend one week discovering a new American town and a second week rediscovering their own. All essentials for both weeks—meals, flights, activities, lodging, transportation—are covered in full. There are 20 available slots for Utah high schools to join beginning next school year (2026-27). They pay educators \$6,000-\$8,000 to coordinate the program for a group of ten students. If you are interested in the Exchange Manager role beginning next school year, contact Ryan Kenney at rkenney@americanexchangeproject.org. **From Principal Peter Glahn (American Fork High School), who has participated for three years:** "It's had a real impact on me personally and has been a transformative experience for dozens of our graduated seniors. Even if you aren't ready for a full meeting, simply forward this to a couple teacher/staff members who are really good at connection, love adventure, and are great ambassadors for your school community. It's a great opportunity for someone on your staff. The American Exchange Project provides a stipend that is actually better than most coaching stipends, but for a lot less work."

See the following link for more information: [American Exchange Project](#)

This will be a busy month and will come and go quickly. Remember to encourage your students and staff to **end strong** this school year. Thanks for your focus on student success.

Rhonda



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