



UTAH ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

August 16, 2026

Secondary Administrators,

Welcome Back to School! Some schools in Utah have started the 2026-27 school year, others are starting this week. We hope you had an amazing summer where you could relax and have some fun. We know that you have also been busy preparing for the school year. It looks like you are off to a great start.

Make sure all administrators in your building are receiving this email. Let me know if someone is not on the list, then forward this update to them. Thank you.

Please make note of the following:

1. **UASSP Executive Board 2026-27**

We have a great Executive Board this year, led by Grant Cotterell, Principal at Canyon View Junior High School. Our theme this year is *Lift Where You Lead*. Please see the following link for the full list of UASSP Board Members. Pictures and bios can be found at uassp.org.

[UASSP 2026-27 Executive Board](#)

2. **UASSP Membership**

It is time to register for UASSP and NPA for the 2026-27 school year. This applies to both new members and those who have been members in the past.

UASSP strives to provide you with up-to-date professional development in our secretary, assistant principal, mid-winter and summer conferences. Our website, social media platforms, quarterly Impact E-Magazine and monthly Power Hours provide you with additional communication and professional development.

As a member of UASSP and NPA, you can turn to us for timely information, targeted educational programs, networking opportunities, professional and legal advice, and other specialized assistance. Please note just some of the benefits for being a member:

1. A nationwide network of over 40,000 members
2. Peace of mind with \$1,000 in state legal fees and \$10,000 in national legal fees
3. Member-only discounts for UASSP and NPA conferences, conventions and educational materials

4. UASSP and NPA websites, newsletters and updates, professional journals, a monthly Power Hour, webinars, podcasts, conferences and other professional opportunities
5. A voice for you and your school about legislative priorities
6. Collaboration opportunities with state/national educational and political leaders
7. Potential recognitions and awards for you and your school at the state and national level
8. Networking opportunities with other secondary administrators
9. And more! Go to our website at uassp.org for more information!

All secondary administrators working in a school or at the district/state level are invited to join. For the past few years I have attended a State Superintendent's meeting where they expressed support for administrators in their districts joining UASSP. We are excited to have you join our professional organization.

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

Don't forget to register your school for UASC (Utah Association of Student Councils) as well. The cost is \$85 per school and can be done on the same registration form as your membership. Your student leaders and advisors at both the high school and middle level will be able to participate in collaboration opportunities and conferences with other student leaders and advisors across the state and nation, and will be eligible for leadership positions and awards at both levels.

3. UHSAA Update

Starting this year, UASSP is part of the UHSAA Executive Committee. We look forward to working in partnership and assisting with communication to their member schools. Each month I will send a UHSAA Review from the EC Meetings. High School Principals should receive the same information from their Region Chair and have the opportunity to review and ask questions at region meetings. Region Chairs for the 2026-27 school year are:

- 1A - David Cluff (Chair), Karl Jensen, KC Olson
- 2A - Devin Smith (Chair), Bryan Durst, Lora Nichols, Ryan Nielson
- 3A - Steve Gordon (Chair), Nate Blackner, Kade Morrell
- 4A - Kim Monkres (Chair), Jim Crosbie, Caleb Fine, Tamara Stuart
- 5A - Josh LeRoy (Chair), Jennifer Christensen, Robert Fleming, Mike Martini
- 6A - Justin Whittaker (Chair), Rochelle Waite, Dina Kohler

I have attached a review from the August EC meeting. Please read it thoroughly. A few things to note:

- Football will continue with RPI, other sports will use Max Preps (drill maintains ranking)
- 20 Hour Rule for practices (includes reporting)
- 4A/5A/6A move to 16 team state tournament brackets
- UHSAA Summit: September 9 (Richfield) and September 10 (Sandy)

For questions or clarification, reach out to your Region Chair.

[UHSAA EC Review August 2026](#)

4. Summer Conference Presentations

It was so fun to see so many of you at our conference in Park City this summer. Most of the

presentations are available for you online at uassp.org under "presentations." There are also presentations available from previous conferences for the past few years. We appreciate those that participated and attended the conference.

5. Student Leadership Opportunity at the Middle Level

Once again this year, we have partnered with Covey Leadership to support student leaders at the middle level. See the information below inviting schools to pre-register for the Fall 2026 Emerging Leaders Program. The program is expanding this year by adding a fourth location in Salt Lake City. The Fall 2026 offerings will now include events in Logan, Salt Lake City, Central (Nebo), and Southern Utah, making it more accessible to schools throughout the state. For questions contact Melissa Judy at melissa.judy@ssanpete.org.

[Emerging Leaders Conference Letter](#)
[2026 Covey Conference Dates](#)

Thank you for all that you do for the secondary students in Utah. It is going to be another great year!

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