



UTAH ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

August 30, 2026

Secondary Principals,

Fall is a great time of the year to ***connect and communicate*** with your local legislators and state school board members. Invite them to an assembly, a faculty luncheon, or even a football game. The legislative session will be here before we know it. It is important for us to build relationships with our state leaders so that we can have open dialogue about important educational decisions.

Our thoughts and prayers are with some of our secondary schools that have recently experienced the loss of a student and/or a faculty member. We are also mindful of other types of challenges you are experiencing. You have the support and the love of administrators all across the state of Utah.

Please make note of the following:

1. 2026-27 PRINCIPALS AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS OF THE YEAR

If you would like to nominate someone for POY or APOY, please fill out the following forms. Note: To be eligible, the nominee must have been in their position for at least three years, not counting this year. Same position, not necessarily at the same school. For example, someone may have been a high school principal at three different high schools over the past 8 years, but this is their first year at their current school—they would be eligible. **Nominations are due Friday, September 18.**

[Assistant Principal of the Year](#)

[Principal of the Year](#)

2. SECRETARY CONFERENCE 2026

We love bringing the secondary secretaries together every fall to celebrate them. This year, the conference is on October 7 at The Show Barn at Thanksgiving Point. The theme is *Secretary Boot Camp*:

Tools, Tips and Teamwork. Please see the following invitation, and encourage your secretaries to register at the following link:

[Secretary Conference Invitation](#)

[Secretary Conference Registration](#)

As part of the conference, we announce the state Secretaries of the Year. If you would like to nominate someone, please fill out the following form by **Friday, September 18**. We have amazing secondary secretaries in Utah!

[Secretary of the Year](#)

3. UASSP MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't already done so, 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. You do not have to join both organizations. You can join online or print a hard copy and mail it to UASSP. For information on the benefits of being a member, please see the following:

[Why Join?](#)

[UASSP and NPA Membership Registration](#)

4. BOOK OF THE MONTH

***Head of the Class* by Brad Cohen**

Brad Cohen was one of our keynote speakers at the UASSP Summer Conference. ***Head of the Class*** is an inspiring book about determination, perseverance, and believing in yourself. Despite living with Tourette Syndrome, Brad refuses to let his challenges define him. His journey to becoming an educator shows the power of persistence and the importance of having people who believe in you. This book is both uplifting and motivating, especially for educators, because it reminds us that every student has potential and that great educators can make a lasting difference. A wonderful read for anyone who needs a reminder that challenges don't have to stand in the way of achieving your dreams.

Remember that we highlight a different book every month. Some of the books would be great to read with your faculty or leadership teams; others will help you learn more about leadership, etc. You can find book reviews from the last several years at uassp.org.

5. UPCOMING CONFERENCES/EVENTS

September 9: UHSAA Summit @ Sevier Valley Center in Richfield

September 10: UHSAA Summit @ Utah Mammoth Ice Center in Sandy

October 7: UASSP Secretary Conference @ Thanksgiving Point in Lehi

November 4: UASSP Assistant Principal's Conference @ The Barn at Th Point

January 25-27 - UASSP Mid-Winter Conference @ Dixie Conference Center

Please check with your team members to ensure they are receiving the email updates. If they are not, please contact rhonda.bromley@uassp.org.

Next week is Labor Day weekend. We hope you have a safe and relaxing long weekend!

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