



UTAH ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

September 21, 2026

Secondary Principals,

Next week is "***International Week of Happiness at Work.***" What a great reminder of how lucky we are to make a difference in students' lives every day.

Please note the following:

1. LAST CALL FOR POY, APOY AND SOY NOMINATIONS

This is the last call for nominations for Principal, Assistant Principal and Secretary of the Year. If you are interested in nominating someone, please submit your nomination by the end of the day tomorrow (Tuesday) using the following links:

[Assistant Principal of the Year](#)

[Principal of the Year](#)

[Secretary of the Year](#)

2. POWER HOUR REVIEW

Thanks to those who joined our first Power Hour of the year last week with Ronn Nozoe, CEO of the National Principals Association. Ronn explained why the national organization shifted from the National Association of Secondary School Principals to the National Principals Association, which now welcomes principals K-12. The request came from associations across the country that serve K-12 principals. In Utah, we will continue to have separate secondary and elementary associations. Both Boards discussed the options and voted to continue supporting each other while keeping the associations separate. Ronn also shared that the focus of advocacy for this year at the national level is to ensure that federal funding coming to the states is actually reaching the schools and teachers. Watch for more updates.

3. SECRETARY CONFERENCE - October 7

Administrators, Please support and encourage your secretaries to attend the UASSP sponsored Secretary Conference. 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](#)

[Secretary Conference Agenda](#)

4. UASSP BOOK OF THE MONTH

Auftragstaktik is a leadership philosophy where you give your teachers/staff a clear, non-negotiable objective for student success, but grant them complete autonomy to determine the instructional methods used to achieve it. By communicating the "what" and "why" rather than micromanaging the "how," you empower educators to use their professional expertise to adapt immediately to the dynamic needs of their classrooms.

See the following presentation by Executive Board Member Josh Bell.

[Auftragstaktik](#)

5. STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST - UTAH STUDENT AI POLICY

One student from every Utah Senate district will be chosen as a delegate to the Utah Student AI Policy Congress in November. Students in grades 10-12 are eligible to enter the essay contest. Deadline is October 1.

[Shaping Utah's AI Future](#)

6. UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mark your calendars now for the following:

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

Members of our UASSP Leadership Team spent a few days this week with leaders from other Western states. We were able to collaborate and learn from each other. It was fun for our team to share what amazing administrators we have at our secondary schools in Utah. Thanks for all you do.

Rhonda

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