UTAH ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

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Secondary Principals,

It's National Principals Month! *You show up early, stay late, and somehow keep the whole building moving, often without anyone noticing. Thank you for the courage, heart, and steady leadership you bring to your school every single day.*

October 12-16: National School Lunch Week
October 21: Unity Day (A day dedicated to stop bullying)
October 19-23: National School Bus Safety Week
October 23-31: Red Ribbon Week

Please make note of the following:

1. **HAPPY NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH**
The Superintendents in Utah have a special message for you!
Letter to Principals from USSA

2. **SECRETARY CONFERENCE REVIEW**
Over 400 secretaries from secondary schools across Utah attended our Secretary Boot Camp last week. We learned about "The Power of the Pause" from Michele Reyes, how to "Work Smarter not Harder" from Britnee Nuehring, "Smart Defense" from Miyo Strong of the Elizabeth Smart Foundation, and how to "Get Out of the Car" from Sandy Zimmerman. Secretaries competed in a drill down, tug-of-war, push-ups, and arm wrestling. It was a great day learning and collaborating with amazing secretaries. We have FIVE STAR secretaries in Utah!

3. **SECRETARIES OF THE YEAR**
At the conference, we awarded the 2026 Utah Secondary Secretaries of the Year. Congratulations to:

Specialty School Secretary of the Year: **Audrey Armer**
George Washington High School/Ogden Adult Education (Ogden District)

Middle School Secretary of the Year: **Anne Olson**
Ephraim Middle School (South Sanpete School District)

High School Secretary of the Year: **Robyn Miller**
Salem Hills High School (Nebo School District)

Secondary/District Office Secretary of the Year: **Mary Scharman**
American Fork High School/Timpanogos School District (Alpine School District)

4. **OCTOBER POWER HOUR - OCTOBER 29**
Our focus for this month's Power Hour will be realignment. Executive Director Ryan Bishop and Nate Marshal from the BOT will be guests. They will share information, including the process and timelines, and answer questions. Administrators and Athletic Directors are welcome to attend. If you would like a link to the one hour virtual Power Hour on Thursday, October 29 at 10 AM and have not yet done so, email rhonda.bromley@uassp.org.

5. **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 4**
Secondary Assistant Principals! It is time to register for the annual AP Conference! It will be held on November 4 at the Show Barn at Thanksgiving Point, which is a larger venue this year. There will be plenty of room for everyone! Principals - Thank you for supporting your assistant principals in attending the conference. We will hear from many great leaders on topics you deal with every day:

- The President of the SRO Association in Utah talking about understanding the latest laws about safety, how do to a proper search, and the importance of having a great working relationship with your SRO.

- A President and CEO of a multi-million dollar company and Entrepreneur of the Year will share important strategies about leadership and growth (he makes a mean steak!).

- A member of the Utah School Board of Education and former secondary administrator will share "behind the scenes" insights on how to make an impact on decisions made by local and state leaders.

- A Dr. of Psychology will help us do a deep dive into the mind of a teenager. Can we understand and figure out what is going on in there?

And More!!

This will be a fun and collaborative conference where we will learn together, feel motivated, and be inspired about your job. Register now at uassp.org.

We hope your staff, students and parents are spoiling you for National Principals Month, you certainly deserve it. Thank you for all you do for the secondary students in Utah!

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