UTAH ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

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Secondary Administrators,

This Wednesday, November 11, is Veterans Day. We join others across the nation in honoring all American military veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces - both living and deceased. There are many educators in Utah that have either served themselves, or have family members who have served. Thank you for your sacrifice.

Please make note of the following:

1. **POWER HOUR TUESDAY - LEXI CUNNINGHAM**
This Tuesday (November 10) at 8 AM is our November Power Hour. Lexi Cunningham will be our guest for the virtual discussion. Lexi is the Executive Director of the USSA and USBA. Lexi will summarize the elections and the new leadership in both houses. She will also share specific details about the education bills and the JLC Priorities (see link). If you would like a link to join the one hour virtual Power Hour in preparation for the upcoming legislative session, email rhonda.bromley@uassp.org.
JLC Priorities

2. **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CONFERENCE REVIEW**
It was great to be with so many of our secondary assistant principals last week at the AP Conference. Shout out to our Assistant Principal Representatives; Daren Ward from Skyridge represents HS AP's and Randall Seltz from Mount Jordan Middle School represents the Middle Level AP's. We appreciate our amazing speakers as well as others who contributed in making the event a success.

Bobby Low: Dr. Low, a professional mental performance coach, opened the Assistant Principal Conference with a deep dive into the science of training a student's brain. He provided a map for teachers and school leaders to intentionally plan effective mental health strength and conditioning for adolescents.

Jeremy Andrus: As the President and CEO of Traegar Grills, Jeremy shared many lessons he has learned "along the way." He discussed the importance of building a strong culture based on trust with all members of the team. He acknowledged leadership mistakes he made early and the lessons that fostered his growth. He encouraged administrators to enjoy the journey.

Officer Chris Ruiz: Officer Ruiz, a celebrated SRO in Pleasant Grove, captivated the audience with his

genuine 'people before problems' approach to school safety. He provided factual do's and don'ts of the SRO role in schools and highlighted the critical need to reach a student's heart. His story is replicable in every school.

Cindy Davis: Being well-experienced in the practical and political roles of educational leaders, Cindy Davis delivered a moving message about courageous leadership. From her time as a State Board member, local school leader and university staffer, Cindy expounded on the need for school administrators to initiate positive relationships with state and local policymakers, community leaders and parents...regardless of ideological differences. Cindy's model career provides an extraordinary example of student-centered service-based leadership.

*Cindy wanted to share feedback based on a question she was asked about attendance at the conference. *"We were given historical data on our chronic absenteeism. It was 27.2% in 2022 and has progressively trended down; it is now at 22.0%. It is still way too high, and work needs to be done, but it is trending in the right direction."*

Bill Schuffenhauer: A 3-time Olympian and medalist, CEO and professional speaker, Bill Schuffenhauer gave voice to the many at-risk students who, by all measures, will likely fail. Bill shared his own tragic experience and credited school teachers, administrators and coaches for saving his life. He encouraged the audience to applaud students, and each, other in meaningful ways.

3. **UASSP MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**
Mark your calendars now for our UASSP Mid-Winter Conference. It will be held January 25-27 at the Dixie Convention Center in St. George. We will have amazing speakers, breakout sessions, activities, golf, pickleball, great food, entertainment, prizes, and more! Register now at uassp.org.

4. **UASSP Membership - Goal is 100%**
If you haven't yet done so, register now for UASSP for the 2026-27 school year. This applies to both new members and returning members. For information, including member benefits and the link to join, go to uassp.org. We appreciate the Superintendents' support in encouraging administrators in their districts to join. **Our goal is 100% membership by the end of 2026!**

It is the season of gratitude. We are **grateful** that we have amazing secondary administrators in Utah! Thank you for all that you do to help students be successful. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

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