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MoASSP Principal,

There will be no “Update” next week, Doug, Clark, and I will be meeting with other executive directors from across the United States in our annual professional development conference.

Winding down the school year – Like a good tv series, the end of a chapter in a well-written book, or the climax to a great conference we want to have people excited about next week, the next page, the next year, or the next conference. Planning for next year begins with ending the school year on a high note and anticipating next year. As the school instructional leader, have you let the chapter end without a transition to the next few pages? Have you thought about next year’s seniors? Are they more concerned with the title than with being leaders? Have you or the teachers instigated a dialogue about being effective leaders? Once the seniors leave the building there is not a passing of the gavel, but a grabbing of the title. Should there be a ceremonial passing of the gavel? Would that make it more meaningful and would they feel a bit more responsible for the culture? Would they be readier to be role models as the title gets passed? Just one more thing to think about as you close out the year.

Education Budget Fully Funded! – Send a note to your State Senator and your State House of Representatives for honoring their commitment to public education. In particular, send an email or note to Budget Committee Chairman [Scott Fitzpatrick](#) and Senate Appropriation Committee Chairman [Dan Brown](#). Plus, they added 10 million dollars to the transportation fund! This is really BIG, so you need to make it a big deal of it where ever you can.

+\$98 Million for formula (full funding)

+\$10 million for transportation

*No increase for public placement

+\$25K for board training specifically for MARE

*The Public Placement Fund (PPF) provides funding support to districts educating non-domicile students placed into the district by the Children’s Division (CD), the Department of Mental Health (DMH), the Division of Youth Services (DYS), or a Court of Competent Jurisdiction. Funding is available when the educational costs of these students exceed the revenues received by the serving district. PPF reimbursement is made the year after services are provided and may be prorated based on available funding.

MoASSP and NASSP Membership is Open – Do you have money left in this year’s budget to pay for your 2018-19 memberships? This is a great time to join MoASSP, your MoASSP District, and NASSP. Membership forms can be accessed through our [“Fillable Forms”](#) available on the website and either

mailed in, emailed as a PDF, or sent to your central office for purchase order. The [MoASSP Store](#) has easy access for credit card purchases. Our store allows VISA, Master Card, and Discover.

[New Principals Conference June 26-27, in Columbia.](#) One of the most highly regarded Principal Leadership Programs in the country was created here in Missouri, is in the third year of the program, and each year it gets better. The Missouri Leadership Development System (MLDS) combines new principal mentoring, ongoing professional development, and networking opportunities that will continue to evolve and strengthen for an entire career. New Principals in year one or two are invited to come spend two days with two of the most sought-after educational experts in the country. [Mike Rutherford](#) is the best facilitator I have been associated with and he has guided our team of leadership experts in the process of developing the MLDS. Our other expert is [Todd Whitaker](#), the author or coauthor of 40 books and one of the most dynamic motivational speakers in the educational world. The role of MoASSP and MAESP in the MLDS is to provide two specific and strategic opportunities for new principals, the New Principals Conference and Spring Conference of MoASSP or MAESP. Principals can save by bundling the two conferences together, the New Principals Conference and either the MoASSP or the MAESP spring conference.

Omnibus Bill HB1606 has at least 23 attachments. We are okay with all but two or three, and we feel we can live with those. There is not enough room to highlight all of the bills, but here are a couple. Formerly the GED test will now be paid for by the state for first time test takers. – [visit HiSET website](#) The HiSET® exam consists of five subtests (content areas): Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading, and Writing. The HiSET exam is available via computer delivery in Missouri, and the cost of the test is \$95. This includes a \$60 registration fee and \$7 for each of the five test sections. The cost for each subtest is \$17 (\$10 to purchase the subtest and \$7 to cover the cost of administering the subtest at a testing center). Beginning with the purchase of your first subtest, there is also a \$10 state registration fee payable once every 12 months. You can purchase any number of different subtests at the same time. You will receive two retests for each subtest you purchase. If you need to retake a subtest, you pay only the \$7 test center fee.

Computer Science Class and STEM Bill - [Senate Bill 894](#) – the measure would allow students (not mandatory) to count one computer-science credit toward math, science or elective graduation requirements. It directs the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop a high school graduation policy that allows that by **July 2019**. You will have considerable control in your district. DESE will have guidelines spelled out before you make up the schedule for 2019-20. [The Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry](#) touted the measure as a way to incentivize high school students to take computer science classes.

[DESE Link to APR changes for 2018-19](#) – **Assessments, policy updates, and scoring.** The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), after consulting with the MSIP Advisory Committee in preparation for the 2018, 2019, and 2020 Annual Performance Reports (APRs), will implement the changes for next year and the years up to 2020.

Connections for Administrators and Teachers looking for a new position.

[Administrators –](#)
<http://www.moteachingjobs.com/>
[MOREAP.NET \(Cooperating School District\)](#)

Your district and the law 2018-19-

170.048. 1. By July 1, 2018, each district shall adopt a policy for youth suicide awareness and prevention, including plans for how the district will provide for the training and education of its district employees. Districts are encouraged to adapt and customize the model policy to best address and meet the needs of their school community. Information regarding the Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Model Policy can be found at <https://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/school-counseling/youth-suicideawareness-and-prevention>

Dyslexia training - In the 2018-19 school year and subsequent years, **all teachers** must have two hours of in-service training provided by each local school district regarding dyslexia and related disorders.

- This year and every year teachers must have two hours of in-service
 - The training does not have to be completed before school begins
 - Training can be broken down into half hour trainings
 - Some districts are using videos, book studies, and speakers
- DESE will have information on the website sometime in July
- Remember this is not a special needs program and students should not be passed to special needs for help
- It is highly encouraged for principals to go through the training. Parents initiated this program and many will come armed with a strong understanding of reading difficulties and they understand the title of principal means he or she is the learning leader.