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Principals,

Welcome back! It is the greatest time of the year for principals, teachers, and students. Everyone is excited to be back, all past indiscretions have been forgiven, and there is optimism in every heart that it will be a great year. We hope no one is disappointed. We want your year to be the best ever, and part of being a principal is being informed and staying current with educational issues in Missouri and at the national level. Updates are being sent to all secondary principals in Missouri and will be until September 15. If you are attending a district meeting or a district meeting with principals in the area, ask around and make sure everyone is receiving the Updates. Our grace period will be until September 15. After that date, the Updates will go only to members of MoASSP. Visit the [Online Store](#) or use the fillable form on the [MoASSP website](#).

Building Energy – Once fall practice begins the magnetic power present in a school building surges and bodies are magically drawn to one of the best places on earth, your school. Most activities attract students for a variety of reasons: interest, passion, skill, or a desire to be part of something. At many schools, an oblong ball brings hundreds of students together. A Friday night under the lights will have: large numbers of players on the sideline, band members, a flag squad, cheerleaders, a dance team, students manning the concession stand, announcing the game, or operating as a film crew. All of them have practiced being perfect. In the two hours on Friday night students are presenting to the public, and themselves, what they have learned and where they are in the process. A ball brings people together, forces them to communicate with each other, and presents a wide variety of challenges and problems to be solved. Who would not want to be a part of this emotionally driven, building-wide, and highly interactive learning activity? Like a great teacher with an outstanding lesson-plan, the good principal is anxious about what could go wrong. He or she knows it is tied to the building culture, and that is the responsibility of the principal. The good principal understands it takes many leaders working together to orchestrate this real-life learning activity. Anything this important comes with a few challenges, but it is a small price to pay for the priceless and passionately connected learning that is on display. National speaker and former Nike employee, Kevin Carroll, believes you can learn more about a person in an hour of play than by spending hours or days with them. You learn so much about your school being with students in the stands and sharing a Friday night.

“Creating Innovative Learning Opportunities”

October 1-3, [Fall Conference Registration](#) –

What drives your leadership? – Do you think about that often? Baruti Kafele, Principal Kafele, is our keynote speaker on Sunday evening October 1, 2017, at the Fall Conference. He is refreshingly

challenging and will have you leaving with more questions than answers about your leadership style.

[NASSP Website](#) – Look at the photos. Missouri is often represented on the front page of the website and this year we see Jonathan Apostol (Monett MS) and one of our keynotes from a couple of years ago Dwight Carter. Make yourself aware of the value of the NASSP website; it is a great source for models, information, and professional development.

[Suicide Awareness and Prevention by July 1, 2018.](#) Suicide is becoming a risk for every community and school district in Missouri. MoASSP, MSCA, and MASP (Mo Association of School Psychologists) are offering a one-day workshop “Strengthening Your Building Level Suicide Plan”, October 25, 2017. Plan on bringing a team of 3 to 5 from your building or your district. The cost is \$499 per team and lunch will be provided. Each district shall adopt a policy for youth suicide awareness and prevention, including plans for how the district will provide training and education of its district employees. [Each district's policy shall address](#) (DESE), but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Strategies that can help identify students who are at possible risk of suicide;
- (2) Strategies and protocols for helping students at possible risk of suicide; and
- (3) Protocols for responding to a suicide death.

Workshop registration is available on the [MoASSP website](#) (programs drop-down or banner) and [MoASSP online store](#).

ACT no longer paid for by the state – As most of you are aware, the state census testing will no longer be part of the state budget for assessments. The assessment budget is separate from the school funding formula and the legislature cut \$4 million from the assessment budget. The ACT is not required by the federal government. The MAP program that includes assessments for 3-8 and EOC’s meet the federal requirements and that made the only alternative to cut the ACT test. If your school district chooses to pay for the ACT, the company has made available the dates and windows for assessing the students second semester. The cost for the ACT paper test or the ACT online version is the same.

[Planning for the spring ACT testing dates and window.](#)

[District Testing Key Dates and Deadlines](#)

	Registration/Contact	Initial Testing Date (Paper)	Make-up Test Date (Paper)	Online Testing Window
Spring 2018	September 29, 2017	February 27, 2018	March 20, 2018	February 27-28, 2018 March 6-8, 2018
Spring 2018	October 27, 2017	April 3, 2018	April 24, 2018	April 3-5, 2018

[Steve Jobs](#) outlines his role at Apple: It's not to know the ins and outs of every piece of software. Rather, it's to see the big picture, to reiterate the vision, and to keep everyone on course:

The hardest thing is: How does that fit into a cohesive, larger vision, that's going to allow you to sell eight billion dollars, 10 billion dollars of product a year? And one of the things I've always found is that you've got to start with the customer experience and work backward to the technology. You can't start with the technology and try to figure out where you're going to try to sell it."

MoASSP, MAESP, NASSP, and NAESP are proud to partner once again with the American Federation of School Administrators to declare **October as National Principals Month!** The month will feature ways

for individuals around the nation to honor principals and the critical role they play in supporting students, teachers, and their communities. This would be a great time to get state legislators and maybe a congressman or congresswoman into your building. Plan early and honor them with an invitation to see the great things going on in your building.

Beginning Teacher Assistance Program Workshops: All beginning teachers must attend a workshop as part of their certification process. Workshops are available at three different sites.

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Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cost: \$88.00

October 12th (University of Central Missouri)

October 13th (Lindenwood University)

October 14th (Lindenwood University)

Register by going to the [Online Store](#) or use our [Fillable Form \(Click Here\)](#)

Fax back the fillable form to 573-445-6416 or email to kkovar@moassp.org

[The new Missouri State Board of Education members](#) – Governor Eric Greitens has appointed three board of education members to serve you and the public education system in Missouri. Melissa Gelner is chief kinship officer at Askinosie Chocolate, executive director of Chocolate University and principal at M Gelner Marketing in Springfield. Gelner will fulfill the remainder of Peter Herschend's eight-year term. Eddy Justice is the owner and an agent of Eddy Justice State Farm Insurance Agency in Poplar Bluff. Justice replaces Maynard Wallace on the board.

Delbert Scott is president of Kansas Christian College in Overland Park, Kansas. He served as a Missouri state representative from 1985 through 2002, culminating in his election to House minority leader in 1997. In 2002, Scott was elected as a state senator and served through 2011. Mr. Scott holds a bachelor's degree in education from Southwest Missouri State College. Scott replaces Russ Still for a term that began on July 1, 2017.

[4 Day School Weeks](#) - Is your district thinking about 4-day school weeks? How much money will your district save? Is there an impact on student learning?

Have a wonderful beginning of the school year. It Really is the Principal of the Thing.