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MoASSP Principals,

MoASSP 2018 State Secondary Principals of the Year



Congratulations to Bill Powers the MoASSP Jim King Middle Level State Principal of the Year 2018.

He is the Principal of Cherokee Middle School in Springfield.

Bill will be presented his award at the MoASSP Spring Conference Awards Luncheon, March 26, 2018, at the Lodge of the Four Seasons.



Congratulations to Jeff Meisenheimer the MoASSP Jim King State High School Principal of the Year 2018.

He is the Principal at Lee's Summit North High School in Lee's Summit.

Jeff will be presented his award at the MoASSP Spring Conference Awards Luncheon, March 26, 2018, at the Lodge of the Four Seasons

[Phil Lewis Announces Retirement](#)

(Click on the link to locate Application)



Executive Director Vacancy Announcement

The Board of Directors of the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals (MoASSP) is seeking an Executive Director. The person selected will be expected to assume the position on July 1, 2018, and to be located in the MoASSP office in Columbia, Missouri. A copy of the Executive Director's job description and policies will be sent to prospective applicants upon request.

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Congratulations to the NASSP Missouri Prudential Spirit of Community Award selections from Missouri STATE HONOREES

[Sophie Bernstein](#), *St. Louis*

[Katelyn Ravasini](#), *Lee's Summit*

DISTINGUISHED FINALIST

[Hyun Bang](#), *Chesterfield*, [Mary Hilton](#), *St. Louis*, [Meagan Turner](#), *Foristell*, [Raegan Weber](#), *Lawson*,

[Abigail Weiler](#), *Springfield*, [Maryn White](#), *Lee's Summit*

What good things are going on in your building? At this time of the year the atmosphere in most secondary schools feels lethargic. Maybe it is time for the leader to inspire the teachers to shake things up. Do you have a few ideas to share with the teachers about changing the routine in the classroom for a day or two? What kind of Socratic questions can you ask your teachers that will invite a collaborative effort to creatively inspire building-wide activity that will "pump

up” the students, the teachers and the staff? You don’t always have to be the one with the ideas, you just have to create the environment for outside-the-box thinking.

[NASSP to Launch Action Alert System](#) - NASSP will soon launch a new action alert system that will allow you to connect directly with your government representatives. Submit your contact information in the fields below to be notified when this new system goes live. Use the link to take you to the site to stay informed.

[National School Counseling Week](#) - School Counselors are critical resource professionals for schools, students, and teachers. Too often their contributions are over looked. “2018 National School Counseling Week™, "School Counselors: Helping Students Reach for the Stars," will be celebrated from Feb. 5-9, 2018, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by ASCA, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. National School Counseling Week is always celebrated the first full week in February.”

MoASSP District Meetings – There was a good crowd of principals in St. Joseph Missouri on Friday February 2. The legislators were the special guests. They answered questions and discussed legislative business. Several concerns were voiced by the principals with mental health of the students the most severe problem facing schools, teachers, and principals. Second was the ability to get students to schools.

How important is a positive attitude for learning? “Lead author [Lang Chen](#) said that the impact of positivity was larger than researchers had anticipated.” He went on to say, “Attitude is really important,” he told [Stanford's Erin Digitale](#). “Based on our data, the unique contribution of positive attitude to math achievement is as large as the contribution from IQ.”

Legislative Season in Missouri – I hope you are continuing to send positive emails to your representatives and senators. A month into the Jefferson City session, many bills are being discussed in committee where they can die or are passed out to the floor. For educators in Missouri we have special interest in: tax relief bills, educational savings accounts (vouchers), and charter schools. The three kinds of bills all take money out of the general fund. The general fund is where the education budget obtains its money. The Governor’s budget proposal does not fully fund the education budget and the colleges are once again taking a big hit.

[The art of creating a state budget](#) - Jessica Franklin Maull, associate editor jessicam@bolivarmonews.com has looked a little deeper into the education budget proposed by Governor Greitens. “However, as reported Feb. 2, while nearly all Department of Elementary and Secondary funding requests were granted in the proposal, K-12 education would still lack around \$50 million of its foundation formula.

Greitens also has said his budget proposal would add \$2 million to DESE’s transportation fund. Here’s the “but”: House education appropriations subcommittee members pointed out a little technicality — the \$2 million would not be new money but rather a reallocation of funds previously withheld by Greitens.”

[Aspiring Principals Workshops](#) – There is one remaining Aspiring Principals Workshop. We have had a great turnout at the other events. We should all be concerned about who will take our places.

Southwest - February 21, 2018 - SW Aspiring Principals Event

Where: Republic Public Schools, Board Meeting Rooms

518 North Hampton, Republic, MO 65738

Time: (Registration 8:30am) 9:00am - 2:00pm

2018 MoASSP Spring Conference “Building Your Brand by Telling Your Story”

March 25-27, 2018, at the Lodge of the Four Seasons

Join us at the Lodge of the Four Seasons for professional growth opportunities that includes:

- Sunday EdCamp, Steak Dinner, and Keynote Speaker Robert Zywicki on Branding Your Building
- Monday Breakfast, a message from DESE, Four Concurrent Sessions, and choices that include golf, networking, or on your own activities at the lake

- Tuesday has a loaded general session with a law update, a legislative perspective and Beth Houf (Co-Author of Lead Like a Pirate),

[Spring Conference Downloadable Registration](#)

It Really is the Principal of the Thing