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## Ogden, Jordan, Canyons District Educators Named Utah Principals of the Year

SALT LAKE CITY – The principals of Ogden School District’s Ben Lomond High School, Jordan School District’s West Jordan Middle School and the assistant principal of Canyons School District’s Albion Middle School, will be named 2018 Utah Secondary Principals of the Year by the [Utah Association of Secondary School Principals](#) in a ceremony on Monday in St. George.

Because of other commitments, Ben Lomond Principal Dale Wilkinson will not be able to compete for national Secondary Principal of the Year. West Jordan Middle School Principal Dixie Garrison will represent Utah in the national Secondary Principal of the Year competition. Albion Middle School Assistant Principal Sandy LeCheminant will represent Utah in the Assistant Principal of the Year competition.

Wilkinson began his teaching career at Sandridge Junior High in Roy and at Ogden High School before working as an administrator at Ogden High and at Odyssey Elementary in Ogden. He has been at Ben Lomond since 2013. Graduation rates at Ben Lomond have risen seven percent in the past two years.

“The efforts to improve the academic, social, and emotional outcomes of our students are realized in Mr. Wilkinson’s ability to build positive relationships with his students,” said Ogden Superintendent Rich Nye. “Our students know that Mr. Wilkinson genuinely cares about them as individuals.”

Garrison began her education career as an art teacher at West Jordan High School and served in administration in Mount Jordan and South Hills middle schools. She has been principal at West Jordan Middle School since 2013.

“Dixie launched the Growth Mindset initiative two years ago and it has changed the very nature of how we work with students,” said school psychologist Olin Levitt. “The Growth Mindset philosophy and practices has become the lens through which we help our students learn and grow.”

LeCheminant began her teaching career in Prescott, Wisconsin.

“She is an extremely dedicated administrator,” said Canyons director of School Performance Mike Sirois. “Her work ethic is exceptional, as is her knowledge of research-based curriculum and instructional practice.”

All three will be honored at an event January 29 at 4 p.m. at the Dixie Convention Center, [1835 Convention Center Drive](#), St. George.

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