



Utah School Custodial Managers Association

To enhance the professionalism and efficiencies of custodial services in Utah's public schools.

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## Message from the President

Today I had two people walk in to my office at separate times with two very separate agendas. Each brought a real dose of reality to me. The first was a visit from a private Custodial contracting firm who presented a cookie cutter cleaning service. It made financial sense. This visit reminded me of just what is waiting out there to swoop in and replace our in-house people if at some point our ability to provide adequate service to our schools falls below a satisfactory level or if we are not keeping up with industry changes. We must meet the bottom line!

Within minutes a second visitor, an elderly gentleman soliciting information about the school building he had attended as a youth came in. During our interaction it was evident by the happiness on his face that he was very grateful that someone had a vested interest and knowledge of "his" school. It then dawned on me the importance of having Custodians in our schools with a vested interest in the school and community they serve. Something that in my experience companies with contracted Custodial services, have not been able to provide.

Today in our school districts, Custodians are meeting the bottom line, keeping up with new practices in the industry as well as making a positive impact on the lives of our students and helping to create those future "golden memories" because they live in and care about the buildings and the neighborhoods they service. Building service contractors don't provide the same level of caring. All they seem to focus on is how much money they can save you, how many square feet they can clean in an hour and how quickly they can move on to the next job!

MervBrewer -USCMA President

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# Meet the new USCMA Presidency

## Mervin Brewer

Hi, my name is Mervin Brewer and I am the new President of the Utah School Custodial Managers Association. I have worked for the Salt Lake City School District for a little over 33 years now. For 27 of those years I was a School Custodian including some time as Head Custodian of Highland High School. My wife Sandra and I have 13 children (including a set of Triplets). I like to spend my free time studying local and military history as well as building scale models.

Todd Muir, Assistant Custodial Coordinator for Canyons School District  
President Elect Utah School Custodial Managers Association

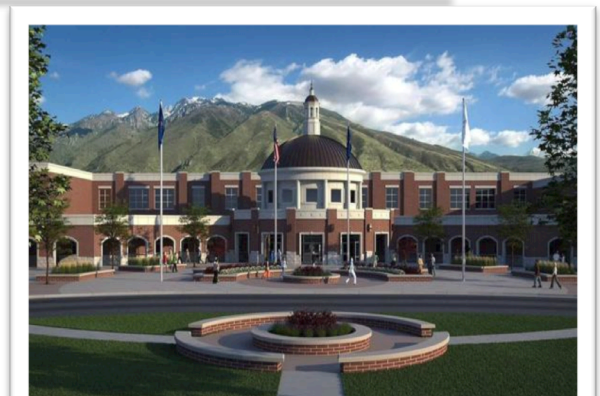
Todd is Husband to his loving wife, Father of two boys, Grandpa to four captivating moppets, and an Apple aficionado. Todd has lived in seven different states, attended three Elementary Schools, one Middle School, and three High Schools. Todd served a short time in the National Guard, attended BYU Idaho and served an LDS mission to Indiana. Todd has worked for 19 different companies, spanning the gauntlet from Restaurant Management to Commercial Insulation, from Sales to Carpet Cleaning, from Medical Supply to Mortuary Services. For the past 15 years Todd has work for Jordan School District which split into two different School Districts in 2009. Currently Todd is the Assistant Custodial Coordinator for Canyons School District in Sandy, Utah.

My name is Zach Draper and I am the new treasurer of the Utah School Custodial Managers Association. I currently work for Alpine School District as the Assistant Custodial Coordinator. Other positions I have held in ASD include: Elementary Head Custodian, Roving Custodian, Jr. High Day Contract, and Sweeper. During my time off I enjoy hunting, fishing, and motorcycling. I am excited for this opportunity to work with great people to make great things happen.

The Following School Districts have USCMA Members:

Alpine, Canyons, Davis, Granite, Jordan, Nebo, Provo, Salt Lake City, Sevier, Tooele, Uintah, Washington County, Weber.

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Corner Canyon High School – Draper, Utah

## New Equipment

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### Weber School District

Weber School District is in the process of trying a new Tomcat riding auto-scrubber. The Tomcat Edge with oscillating technology. The technology has been available for years on Clarke equipment that many of us are familiar with. As far as I know we are the first District in the state to purchase the Tomcat Edge rider. The machine is in one of our Junior High Schools. Preliminary reports are very positive about the machine. There is always some hesitation to be first to try anything. If this machine proves to have durability in the long term we will have one more weapon in our Custodial arsenal.

On other news. We are preparing for our second annual Custodial Best Practices Conference coming in June. This is a great opportunity for all District Custodial Personnel to gather and energize themselves for the summer rush of cleaning. It also gives our vendors a chance to show their latest updates in Custodial equipment. If you would like to attend please contact me and I would be happy to have you as my guest!

Boyd Harris  
Weber School District  
Custodial Services Supervisor



## Custodial Corner

Last night I received a call from a night custodian who was concerned about a strange sound coming from the wall or ceiling of the main office. After our conversation I started thinking about how important it is for a custodian to know the building he or she is assigned to. A good custodian has real ownership of their building. In conversations about their job good custodians make a reference to "*Their Building*", or say things like "*At My School*". When these key words are said a supervisor knows that this person has started to develop real ownership in their job assignment.

A few years ago I worked at Bennion elementary school in downtown Salt Lake City. As I was involved in some deep cleaning work on a non-school day I walked down the hall toward the main office. When I got to a certain point in the hall I heard a very faint scratchy whistling sound. I stopped and checked the obvious things in the area that might make that kind of sound. All seemed O.K. but still I could hear this sound... I then got a ladder and started pushing up ceiling tiles and listening. When I put my head though the ceiling I couldn't hear it anymore but as I started coming down the ladder there it was again! I came down the ladder and was standing there scratching my head, both figuratively and literally and was compelled to open the door to the stairwell. There was the sound! As I started to go up the stairs it got louder... Then I found it! There on the second flight of stairs was my night supervisor, Danny washing the stairs by hand. His walkman music player was on so loud that I could even hear Ozzy's hair swinging around as he hit the high notes.

All buildings just like humans have a personality. If a person coughs or starts to sneeze we take notice. If you are in the same building all day, everyday you should be able to tell if something is wrong just by seeing or hearing something out of place. For example: If you go into the restroom and hear a knocking sound it might be the exhaust fan belt or a loose cover. If you go into the boiler room and hear a rubbing sound it might be the boilers main bearing starting to go out. Catching these things early will save a considerable amount of money in repairs and little or no disruption to the occupants as compared to waiting until the equipment fails all together then fixing it and everything else it is connected to.

So the next time you think you hear the building "cough" let your custodian know so he or she can see if something is getting "sick" or if Danny, my old night supervisor has dug out his old Ozzy collection again. Chances are the custodian has already called the "doctor" to get it fixed.

Robin Anderson  
SLCSD Assistant Custodial Supervisor



# Custodial Updates

## Jordan School District

Jordan School District has 55 total buildings: 33 Elementary schools, 9 middle schools, 5 high schools and 8 special buildings.

The Custodial/Energy Department front office consists of nine people, a Director of Custodial/Energy Services, a Custodial Trainer and Energy Coordinator, three Secretaries, three Custodial Specialists, and one Custodial Driver with a hazmat endorsement.

Jordan School Districts continues to use “Vektr”, a building inspection program, supported by Nuvek, New Vision Technology. This online program helps us to maintain our cleaning program, the Jordan Custodial Operating System or “JCOS, as we call it. This school year all of our 55 buildings will be inspected at least two times. However, we are striving to increase the number of times each building is inspected yearly.

What is the goal of these inspections? Our goal is to maintain the health and safety standards of the JSD facilities. Our custodial specialists use an iPad with picture and Wi-fi capability which is not only user friendly but also time efficient.

A huge “**thank you**” to all of the classified and certified personnel in the JSD buildings!!

## Canyons School District

On Nov. 6, 2007, voters in Alta, Cottonwood Heights, Draper, Midvale, Sandy and a handful of unincorporated portions of Salt Lake County cast ballots in favor of creating a new school district from a portion of the old Jordan School District. Since July 1, 2009, Canyons District has operated as a fiscally independent entity.

CSD has 4 High Schools with a 5th under construction in Draper, 8 Middle Schools, 29 Elementary Schools 2 Special Schools and three Support Locations.

We have 46 Head Custodians, 12 Lead Custodians, 54 Assistant Custodians, and 6 Rover Custodians. We also have a full time Delivery Custodian.

CSD has 2 new building under construction, Corner Canyon High in Draper and Midvale Elementary is getting a new building that is located directly behind Midvale Middle School.

The Custodial Department is currently updating their equipment as funds become available. We are purchasing the Club Car XR950 4 X 4 to help with snow removal and have updated our carpet extractors to the new Windsor Clipper DUO. Also we have been testing Orbital Floor Machines like the Boost on a stick and the Square Scrub. We will be adding these machines to our inventory of new Custodial equipment.

