



**2019-20 Annual Report**  
**HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF CONTROL**  
*Submitted by Dr. Bill Silva*  
**CAS Associate Executive Director**

The High School Board of Control, chaired by Jennifer Straub, Principal of Maloney High School (Meriden), met for three in-person meetings this year before the impact of the coronavirus pandemic closed schools and the CAS offices. The work of the High School Board included information and presentations for Board members on Erin's Law, SAT and PSAT preparation strategies, mastery-based diploma assessment options, school climate and social emotional learning programs and initiatives, and the impact of potential school start time legislation.

**SAT and PSAT Workshops**

Alan Bernstein and Sabrina Lavieri of the College Board presented three workshops on the SAT and PSAT for English language arts, mathematics and social studies teachers and leaders. All sessions were well attended.

**RECOGNITION EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

**High School Arts Awards Banquet**

This year's Arts Awards honored 296 students from 148 member high schools. While the banquet was canceled, a televised Arts Awards program is planned to recognize this year's recipients, including remarks from the celebrated visual artist and keynote speaker, Hong Hong.

**Connecticut Scholars Program**

This year's Connecticut Scholars Program included completed nominations from 136 schools. The Connecticut Scholar finalists were selected based upon a written essay dealing with individual and collective action for social change and PSAT results. Twenty-two students were honored at a virtual awards ceremony on May 21, 2020, featuring congratulatory remarks from Dr. Miguel Cardona, the Connecticut Commissioner of Education.

**Positive School Climate Award**

Newtown High School and its principal Dr. Kimberly Longobucco were recognized for Positive School Climate, as determined by a self-evaluation, a comprehensive review of school policies and practices, and a site visit. The school will be awarded a framed certificate at faculty or Board of Education meeting in the fall.

**Cieslukowski First-Year Principal Award**

Dr. Janet Parlato, principal of Watertown High School, was this year's high school recipient of the William Cieslukowski Outstanding First-Year Principal Award. Dr. Parlato was cited by her nominators for her understanding and implementation of curriculum and instructional reform and for her relationship skills in improving both faculty and student morale.