## **★★**On-line Registration**★★**

The conference registration fee is \$15.00 per student attending from CAS or CASC middle level member schools. Chaperones and advisors attend free of charge. Teams from non-member middle schools are welcome with the payment of an additional \$100 per school.

Schools with a population of up to 500 may send 6 students. Schools with a population of over 500 may send one extra student for each additional 100 students. (i.e. schools with enrollment of 720 may bring 8 students.) Schools are strongly urged to send a diverse group of student leaders: student council and nontraditional leaders, boys and girls in grades 6, 7, and 8; a group that represents the diversity of your school population. Due to program and space limitations, only the first 400 students will be accepted. Student names are required at the time of registration.

## On-line registration only at www.casciac.org/register

If you have any questions, please call Barbara O'Connor 203-250-1111, ext. 3901

#### **DEADLINE DECEMBER 9, 2011**

In the event of inclement weather:

www.casciac.org or 203-250-1111

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Registration	8:00	-	8:30
Team Building Session	8:30	-	9:20
Breakout Sessions	9:30	-	2:30
Advisor/Chaperone Sessions	8:45	-	11:15
Two lunch waves between	11:20	-	1:00
Departure			2:30

Dress for active participation! (no skirts or dresses)

Full lunch provided

## The Connecticut Association of Schools



in conjunction with

### The Connecticut Association of Student Councils



Presents

Middle Level Student Leadership Training Conference "Making Acceptance Acceptable"

#### Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Snow date: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



# **★** ★ Team Building ★ ★ Activities

Student participants will start the conference with a series of team building activities to introduce them to peers from other schools with whom they will work throughout the day.



## ★★Arthur Director Leadership Award★★

Participating schools are invited to apply for the Arthur Director Leadership award, a prestigious designation for advancing the ideals of the conference. The winning school will be presented with a plaque, and a check to support their work.



## **★** ★ Program ★ ★

The Middle School Student Leadership Conference is a CAS initiative to train middle-level student leaders from the diverse groups in Connecticut middle schools. Since its inception, over 5,500 students in grades 6, 7, and 8 have been trained in bringing about positive change to their school climate. Students will participate in workshops designed to increase their skills in:

#### Building a Climate of Acceptance Making a Difference at School Taking Risks & Rising to the Occasion Social Networking

Led by teachers, administrators, youth officers, high school and college students and counselors from around Connecticut, students will have opportunities to work together in small groups.

#### **Student leaders will:**

- 1. Participate in team-building activities with students from other schools;
- 2. Respond to role-play situations;
- 3. Talk with recognized student leaders-from Connecticut high schools and universities;
- 4. Share leadership experiences and ideas with peers;
- 5. Go back to their schools and share new knowledge, ideas and initiatives with decision-makers (i.e. administrators, teachers and counselors).

## **★** ★ Closing Activity ★ ★

Students will end the day in their school groups to begin planning "next steps" for improving climate back home.

### **★** ★ Advisor Sessions ★ ★

One advisors/chaperone workshop will feature a structured roundtable discussion and sharing session on topics of your choice. Please send in your topic of interest when you register your team. Come prepared to share your ideas and initiatives.

The second advisor session will feature Connecticut State Department on Education Consultant Dr. JoAnn Freiberg. Dr. Freiberg is Connecticut's foremost expert on creating and maintaining positive school climate. She will share specific, measurable, achievable, and reasonable action steps to improving school climate.



0.3 CEUs will be awarded to those who attend both sessions.