

THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

• *Serving Schools and Principals* •

Do you know an outstanding middle or high school principal?

The Connecticut Association of Schools has opened nominations for the *2008 CAS Principal of the Year Awards Program*. If, after reading the award criteria below, you feel that a middle or high school principal* that you know is eligible for and worthy of this honor, please complete the attached form, or have it completed by someone within the system, and return it **NO LATER THAN November 16, 2007**. Your nominee will be informed of this nomination and asked to complete an awards application (this application will be due at CAS by January 10, 2008).

The Principal of the Year Program, sponsored annually by the Connecticut Association of Schools, was established to bring recognition to exemplary secondary school principals and to increase public awareness of the critical role that principals play in the education of our youth. The program is designed to recognize outstanding principals who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership, a passion for educational excellence, a commitment to their students and staff, and service to their communities.

Each year nominations are solicited for a *Middle School* and *High School Principal of the Year*.** The winners are chosen by the CAS Awards and Recognition Committee, a selection committee consisting of active and retired principals and assistant principals. The 2008 selections will be made in February, 2008. Both the middle and high school honoree will be recognized locally by CAS and nationally by NASSP. They will also represent Connecticut in the competition for *National Principal of the Year*, sponsored by NASSP and MetLife. (NASSP does not include elementary schools.) The National Principals of the Year (one middle level and one high school) will each receive a \$5,000 grant; the finalists (two middle level and two high school) will each receive a \$1,500 grant. For additional information on the NASSP/MetLife National Principal of the Year program, visit www.principals.org.

All candidates must be members of CAS and NASSP and have at least three years experience as a school principal.

The CAS Awards and Recognition Committee reserves the right to reject any and all candidates in a category if they do not fulfill the criteria for the award. In making its decisions, the Awards and Recognition Committee will consider each candidate's professional qualities as outlined in the application, his/her recommendations, and his/her contributions to the profession. Prior winners will not be considered.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to provide state and national recognition to deserving school administrators.

* House principals are eligible for our *Assistant Principal of the Year Awards Program*

** CAS sponsors a separate recognition program for elementary level principals

CRITERIA FOR CAS/NASSP PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

Candidates should demonstrate success in the following areas:

Collaborative Leadership

- Involves teachers, staff members, parents, students, and the community in achieving the goals of the school
- Provides direction or focus to achieve the school's goals as a member of the school's leadership team
- Models continuous professional growth
- Teaches, coaches, and assists others in professional development that focuses on student learning
- Teaches, coaches, and supports the development of potential and current school leaders
- Maintains an instructional focus while managing administrative tasks
- Uses effective problem-solving techniques

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

- Improves teaching and learning by implementing programs and improvement efforts for student achievement
- Observes, supervises, and evaluates teachers and instructional programs to maximize the learning opportunities for every teacher and student
- Analyzes multiple sources of data to improve instructional practices and outcomes for student achievement
- Demonstrates knowledge of learning, teaching, research, and programs that maximize student performance
- Facilitates in developing and maintaining co-curricular programs that complement the curriculum while fostering students' academic success

Personalization

- Establishes and maintains a positive school climate that reflects high student and staff morale
- Interacts professionally and tactfully with others
- Creates structures that enable teachers to develop an appreciation for each student's abilities
- Acknowledges achievement or accomplishments of students, teachers, and school community members
- Communicates effectively orally and in writing
- Models values, beliefs, and attitudes that inspire others to higher levels of performance
- Develops and maintains dialogue with representatives of diverse community groups

NOMINATION FORM

CAS PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR - 2008

Candidate: _____ Position: _____

School: _____ District: _____

Nominated for *Principal of the Year* at the following level: High School Middle School

School Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/Town: _____ Zip: _____

Home Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/Town: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Nominator: _____ Position: _____

District: _____ Phone: _____

Professional experience as a principal or the equivalent:

<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>School System</u>	<u>Dates</u>

As superintendent of schools I endorse the above nomination.

Signature

Date

Thank you for your nomination!
Please return your nomination form by **November 16, 2007** to:

Connecticut Association of Schools
Awards and Recognition Committee
c/o Karen Packtor
30 Realty Drive
Cheshire, CT 06410

Nominations must be received in the CAS Office by 5:00 p.m. on November 16th