

Reciprocal
Opportunities for
Principals to
Engage with each other
Synergistically



YOU'RE INVITED!

Who: Elementary & Middle Level Principals and Assistant Principals

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020

Time: 10 - 11 am

Where: ROPES Virtual Zoom Meeting

CAS is pleased to announce the creation of a new networking forum for elementary and middle level principals and assistant principals. **ROPES** – or, **R**eciprocal **O**pportunities for **P**rincipals to **E**ngage with each other **S**ynergistically – is designed to connect leaders of schools from pre-K through grade eight statewide and provide them with opportunities to:

- problem-solve issues,
- share and celebrate successes,
- swap resources and best practices, and
- discuss current challenges and “hot topics”.

Early this year, Diana Burns, principal of Chapman Elementary School and CAS Networking Committee Chair, organized the first elementary principals’ networking meeting. Attended by a small pilot group of about twenty administrators, the meeting generated lively discussions, new relationships and a universal interest in opportunities for future collegial conversations. Unfortunately, COVID forced us to take a pause. It is no surprise that, with the unique challenges schools have been facing this year, many administrators have reached out to Diana and CAS requesting that we resume these meetings....and, so, we are happy to introduce the new **CAS ROPES** forum, which has been expanded to include pre-K and middle school administrators!

Using our ZOOM video conferencing platform, we can efficiently meet with colleagues across Connecticut without worrying about travel time. This virtual networking forum will give us the flexibility to meet as a whole group and in smaller groups based on topic, region, ERG, grade levels, school district size, etc. Our intention is to create a peer learning community where both veteran and new administrators can come together to support and learn with and from each other.

You are invited to our first 2020-21 **ROPES** meeting on **Thursday, November 12**, from 10-11 am. If you are interested in attending, please register at <https://casci.ac/6183> by November 10. We hope to see you then!

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact:

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