



# Summer Leadership Institute “Getting the Focus Right”



Change, Collaboration, and Coherence for Sustained Reform:  
Creating an Environment for High Levels of Student Achievement



**June 27-28, 2012**  
Heritage Hotel, Southbury



## *Day 1 Keynote: Dr. Mike Schmoker*

*Dr. Schmoker is an internationally known and highly acclaimed educator, a former school administrator, English teacher and football coach. He has written five books and dozens of articles for educational journals, newspapers and for TIME magazine. His most recent book is **FOCUS: Elevating the Essentials to Radically Improve Student Learning**. His previous bestseller **RESULTS NOW: How We Can Achieve Unprecedented Improvements in Teaching and Learning** was selected as a finalist for “Book of the Year” by the Association of Education Publishers.*



## *Day 2 Keynote: Commissioner Stefan Pryor*

*Our Commissioner is a leader bringing a new focus to Connecticut’s efforts to reduce the achievement gap. In announcing Mr. Pryor as his pick for the Commissioner’s post, Governor Malloy stated: “I steadfastly believe that all of our children deserve a quality educational experience...and I think Stefan is the right candidate to bring about all the changes to move this state in the direction of guaranteeing that success.”*





# Summer Leadership Institute "Getting the Focus Right" Agenda June 27-28, 2012



## Wednesday, June 27, 2012

### Morning Session

- 7:30am-8:30am Registration and Refreshments  
8:30am-8:45am Welcome, Tim Breslin, Principal, Farmington High School  
8:45am-12:00pm Getting the Focus Right: Dr. Mike Schmoker

### Afternoon Session

- 12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch (Eight Mile Brook)  
1:00pm-3:00pm Facilitated Follow-up to Dr. Schmoker's Presentation  
3:00pm-5:30pm Reflection, Relaxation & Rejuvenation

### Evening Session

- 5:30pm-6:30pm Social Hour (Terraces-Cash Bar)  
6:30pm-7:00pm Remarks, Mike Foran, Principal, New Britain High School  
7:00pm-8:00pm Dinner (Garden Room)  
8:00pm-9:00pm Focus on Fun: Jim Spinnato  
9:00pm-10:00pm Reflection, Relaxation & Rejuvenation

## Thursday, June 28, 2012

### Morning Session

- 7:00am-8:30am Breakfast (Eight Mile Brook)  
8:30am-8:35am Welcome, Dave Cormier, CASCD  
8:35am - 9:15am Getting the Focus Right: Commissioner Stefan Pryor, CSDE  
9:15am-12:30pm Breakout Sessions

### Afternoon Session

- 12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch (Eight Mile Brook)  
1:30pm-2:30pm Facilitated Follow-up to Presentations  
2:30pm-3:00pm Closing Remarks: Karen List, Superintendent, West Hartford Public Schools



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## Details

Day 1: June 27, 2012

### Morning Session (8:30am—12:00pm)

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Mike Schmoker

### Afternoon Sessions (1:00pm—3:00pm)

Facilitated follow-up to Dr. Schmoker’s presentation led by the Summer Institute Planning Committee:

Tim Breslin, Farmington Schools

Mike Buckley, CAS

Dennis Carrithers, CAS

Dave Cormier, CASCD

Diane Dugas, Granby Schools

Lol Fearon, CSDE

Patrick Flynn, ReVision Learning Partnership

Janina Johnkowski, SERC

Susan Kennedy, CAS

Karen List, West Hartford Schools

Everett Lyons, CAS

Robert Pitocco, CSDE

Salvatore Randazzo, CSDE

### Evening Session (5:30pm—8:30pm)

#### Social Hour—Terraces (Cash Bar)

#### Dinner Speaker—Mike Foran, Principal, New Britain High School



Mike Foran is the 2012 MetLife/NASSP National High School Principal of the Year. Since he became New Britain's principal in 2006, Foran has been instrumental in turning around Connecticut's largest school. Now, each of the school's 2,700 students receive personalized attention through mentorship and support programs, a vast array of co-curricular activities and after-school initiatives, and a newly added freshman academy.

#### Evening Session—Jim Spinnato



Captivating, entertaining, exciting and hilarious are just a few words used to describe the incredible performances regularly presented by southeastern Connecticut comedian and hypnotist...JIM SPINNATO

This amazing combination of comedy, hypnosis and audience participation has been greatly received at such venues as Foxwoods Resort and Casino, The Mohegan Sun Casino, University of Connecticut, Post University, Providence College, Becker College as well as at many corporate and private events.

# **Summer Leadership Institute**

## **“Getting the Focus Right”**

### **Details**

#### **June 28, 2012**

#### **Day 2: Morning Session (8:30am—9:15am)**

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Stefan Pryor

#### **Day 2: Breakout Sessions (9:15am-12:30pm)**

- Breakout 1: Conard High School, West Hartford  
(Peter Cummings, Principal)
- Breakout 2: Brennan-Rodgers and Hill Central Elementary Schools, New Haven  
(Karen Lott and Glenn Worthy, Principals)
- Breakout 3: Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy, Hartford  
(Sally Biggs, Principal)
- Breakout 4: East Hartford High School  
(Matt Ryan, Principal)
- Breakout 5: Hillside Intermediate School, Naugatuck  
(Johnna Hunt, Principal)

#### **Day 2: Afternoon Sessions (1:30pm—2:30pm)**

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Dennis Carrithers, CAS

Dave Cormier, CASCD

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#### **Day 2: Closing Activity (2:30pm—3:00pm)**

Karen List, Superintendent, West Hartford Public Schools





# ***Comments from 2011 Participants...***

***"Well organized, wonderful presentations, professional discussions, accommodations: just excellent service and beautiful setting."***

***"Inspirational and practical, just the boost I needed."***

***"This was a highly engaging learning opportunity!"***

***"The networking, sharing, and accommodations were fabulous!"***

***"Overall, very well organized and managed. Most presentations addressed concerns we have been working on and this was very helpful. Seeing the different perspective from other groups helps to direct one's thinking."***

***"This is my fourth year attending the SLI and I found this to be one of the best yet. Everything, once again, was well planned and fully balanced didactic, reflective and collegial aspects."***

***"Again, a very nice job with the planning and organizing. We appreciate this annual opportunity to get away, learn, reflect, collaborate, plan and grow!"***

***Enjoy two days  
with your Connecticut  
colleagues as together  
you explore your role in  
transforming education  
in our state.***



Register online at [www.casciac.org/registration](http://www.casciac.org/registration)





# *Registration Information*

Register online at [www.casciac.org/registration](http://www.casciac.org/registration). The closing date for submitting registrations is May 28, 2012, but early registration is encouraged. Participation is limited to 120 and the Institute has sold out the past three years.

Registration will be on a "first come, first served" basis with regional consideration. Due to limited seating, only those who can attend and actively participate in the full institute, Tuesday morning through Wednesday afternoon, should apply.

Team participation is strongly encouraged.

CAS will make all hotel reservations.

Direct institute content questions to Mike Buckley at CAS, (203) 250-1111, or [dcarrithers@casciac.org](mailto:dcarrithers@casciac.org).

Direct registration questions to Erin Guarino at CAS, (203) 250-1111, or [eguarino@casciac.org](mailto:eguarino@casciac.org).

## **Fees**

The registration fee of \$300.00 per participant for CAS members and \$350.00 per participant for non-CAS members, includes accommodations for two days and one night at the Heritage Hotel as well as all meals and refreshments. To check school membership status, go to [www.casciac.org](http://www.casciac.org) and click on directory.

Purchase orders will be accepted, but payment **MUST** be received prior to May 28, 2012.

Check or purchase order should be made payable to the Connecticut Association of Schools and mailed to:

30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410,  
Attn: Erin Guarino.

Refunds will not be given due to cancellation after May 28, 2012 or for non-attendance at the institute.



## **CEUs**

CAS will award CEUs for full participation in this Institute. Participants must be pre-registered, attend all sessions, and complete an evaluation form.



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# The Heritage Hotel

The Heritage Hotel in Southbury offers spacious accommodations in a classic Connecticut setting. Guest rooms, many with views of the Pomperaug River and golf course, are complemented by state of the art conference rooms and full resort facilities.

## Amenities include

- A fitness center
- Indoor/outdoor swimming pools
- Tennis
- Racquetball
- Ping pong
- Mountain biking
- Golf
- Sports Pub
- A variety of spa services

Accommodations and use of resort facilities are included in the Institute registration fee. Additional fees apply for golf, mountain bikes, spa services, and overnight guests not attending the Institute.



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