

# THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

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## CAS Announces the 58th Annual Meeting!

"No frills" business meeting to be conducted in 2 hours

We are pleased to announce that we will hold our 58th Annual Meeting on **Thursday, May 13th** at the CAS Central Office in Cheshire. Please mark the date on your calendars!

In an effort to boost attendance, last year's event was a "bare bones" meeting - just two hours in length - stripped of many of the "extras" that had been included in past years. The shortened format was very well-received and, therefore, will be repeated again this year. No formal meal will be served; however, coffee and pastries will be provided at the outset of the meeting, which will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn by 10:30 a.m.

NOTE: Following the adjournment of the business meeting, members are invited to attend the individual membership meetings hosted by the elementary, middle and high school divisions. It is especially vital that high school members remain to vote on proposed CIAC bylaw changes.

58th ANNUAL MEETING	
Thursday, May 13, 2010	
CAS Central Office, Cheshire	
8:00-8:30:	Registration
8:30-10:30:	Business Meeting
10:30-11:00:	Individual Membership Meetings

Join us on May 13th to review highlights of 2009-2010 and chart a course for 2010-2011!

Register online at <http://www.casciac.org/amregister>

CAS President Dr. V. Everett Lyons has led the association through an historic year, one which began with the stunning announcement of the retirement of long-time executive director Mike Savage. In addition to skillfully guiding the board through the challenging process of finding a new executive director, he promoted an ambitious set of goals which has furthered the association's progress in the areas of outreach, educational leadership and advocacy. Through the CAS/CSDE Executive Coaching Initiative, CAS is currently providing direct, sustained professional support to fifty-nine schools in twenty-two low-performing districts. Now in its third year of operation, the program has achieved sustained and conclusive success thanks in large measure to the industrious efforts of Mike Buckley and Susan Kennedy.

Under the direction of Dave Maloney, the Connecticut Student Activities Conference (CSAC) experienced unprecedented growth in the 2009-2010 school year. In addition to expanding the BandJam and KIDSMARATHON initiatives established last year, the CSAC forged new partnerships to promote Unified Theater™, robotics and Next Generation Leaders.

Berlin High School Principal George Synnott will conclude his tenure as chair of the CIAC Board of Control following a quiet but productive year. The board passed one proposed bylaw change which will come before the CIAC membership for approval at the annual meeting. The change concerns imposing sanctions on coaches who publicly criticize game officials. Thanks to the leadership of Joe Tonelli, the CIAC Officials' Association has achieved maximum membership and, therefore, has no room to grow. Its board is poised to implement a policy requiring background checks on all high school sports officials. The Unified Sports® Program continued its impressive participation gains due in part to the Project Unify Grant which has provided seed money for new schools to start a Unified Sports® team.

Additional information, including the proposed revisions to the CIAC By-Laws, will be available shortly.

THERE WILL BE NO COST FOR ATTENDING THE ANNUAL MEETING