

**THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS**

*The Fifty-Fifth Annual Meeting*

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Good Morning!**

**It has been my distinguished and humble honor (and pleasure) to have served as this year's CAS President. When I stand here and at CAS functions I feel like a very small fish in a very large pond as you are my everyday professional mentors and heroes. Your commitment to children and dedication to academic excellence are unparalleled. Your tireless work ethic is exemplary. With the changing of our roles, and the changing of our societal pressures, our job is becoming more complex. Therefore, for me and for all of the children K – 12 in all of the Connecticut schools – thank you! As principals we are teachers – it is fitting that this week is Teacher Appreciation Week..... you are the BEST!!!!!!**

**It has been a busy (and according to feedback) a productive one. I think that we need to first recognize all of the staff at 30 Realty Drive – I affectionately call it Headquarters – who continue to be the leadership for principals in our State and who are held in highest regard throughout the United States..... Mike Savage, Mike Buckley, Paul Hoey, Regina Birdsell, Lou Pear, Earle Bidwell, Dennis Carrithers, Pat Llorda, Ann Malafrente, George Hall, Joe Tonelli, Matt Fischer, and Karen Packtor.... And for all of the support staff..... thank you for your continued efforts - well-done!!! To all of the CAS Board of Directors – Ev Lyons, Bob Pitocco, Pep Shaw, Kit Bishop. Janet Garagliano, Bill Barney and Bob Hale – thank you for meeting with Mike Savage and me to plan our present and our future.**

**Our mission, direction, accomplishments.....**

**We have our CAS Board of Directors' Goals in place for two years; we have our committees and people working on the goals; and we have raised consciousness that CAS is a working, collaborative and**

**goal-oriented organization... from communication, public awareness, participation from all State principals....we are thriving.**

**Need: to help with the membership processes and our internal technology; and professional development for the group. The success of our Principal Center, IMPACT magazine, CAS Bulletin, the mentoring program, the annual conventions..... All good “stuff”!!!!**

**The UCAPP program has been very, very successful and will be the key to the continuation and involvement of our new building administrators. The positive impact and potential are unmatched. This will be the starship of CAS for the involvement of principals in the State.**

**Our facilities, equipment and programs have been funded for the advancement of the organization... but our budgets need to reflect our strengths and needs in the future.**

**We wish all of our State retiring administrators much appreciation and good wishes. We especially would like to thank Jerry Auclair and Bob Pitocco for the MANY years of service to the CAS Board of Directors in many roles.**

**I wish everyone restful summer days..... we are ready to go for September!!!!**