



**2024-2025 Annual Report**  
**HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF CONTROL**  
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High School Board Meetings

The High School Board of Control, led by Vicky White, Assistant Principal of Shelton High School, met virtually this year for valuable discussions around topics of interest and concern to high school level members. The Board also provided consultation to CAS leadership on student programming and recognition. This group of leaders was instrumental in providing ideas, input and feedback to the Center for Leadership and Innovation.

NAESP and NASSP National Leadership Conference and Capitol Hill Day

The joint NAESP-NASSP National School Leaders Advocacy Conference was held in Washington, DC, in March 2025. An advocacy team from Connecticut attended meetings with Congressional leaders and their staffers. The Connecticut delegation included seven school leaders - Joseph Blake, Garrett Dukette, Andre Hauser, Donna Hayward, Mike Litke, Scott Nozik and Kristy Zaleta – and CAS staff members, Glenn Lungarini and Alicia Bowman.

Capitol Connections: A Networking Event for School Leaders and Lawmakers

The Capitol Connections event provided a unique opportunity for members to connect with legislators and fellow school leaders to discuss the pressing issues impacting K-12 education in Connecticut. This event facilitated meaningful conversations between policymakers, CAS staff and principals, ensuring that the voices of those leading our schools are heard. We are looking forward to building on this effort in 2025-2026.

Professional Learning Opportunities

The HS Board of Control regularly engaged in discussions about professional development interests and needs, using member feedback and timely topics to drive our decisions. Details on the professional development offerings are included in the [Center for Leadership and Innovation Annual Report](#).

Student Activities

For more details, see the [CT Student Activities Conference Annual Report](#).

2024-2025 High School Awards

The Connecticut Association of Schools was excited to present the following awards to member high school leaders:

- High School Principal of the Year: Terra Tigno, Newington High School, Newington
- High School Assistant Principal of the Year: LaShante James, Brien McMahon HS, Norwalk
- High School of the Year: Woodland Regional High School, Kurt Ogren, Principal