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# THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

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Dear Members of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus,

The Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) staff and a group of member principals are excited to be meeting with you on February 19th, from 3:00-4:30 pm in room 310 at the Capitol. We look forward to sharing a meaningful dialogue regarding the achievement gap in some of Connecticut's most challenged schools.

Dan Giungi, who works with our lobbyist Marshall Collins, will be asking Caucus leaders to provide key questions and/or issues that you would like to discuss. We will share these with the principals who will be attending the meeting in advance so that they will be prepared to speak to those issues; sharing their challenges and best practices. In addition to allowing time for the principals to speak, we will build in time for you to engage in more informal dialogue with them. The informal dialogue will allow you to talk more specifically about topics that are relevant to schools in your legislative districts.

CAS is very committed to supporting and providing both opportunities for conversation and the actions necessary to support schools and their leaders in your districts.

Thank-you in advance for your willingness to meet with us.

The list of principals who plan to attend our meeting is below.

Respectfully,



Karissa Niehoff, Ed.D  
Executive Director

**ADMINISTRATORS ATTENDING ON FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> (as of 2-6-14)**New Haven

Evelyn Robles  
Abie Benitez  
Margret Gerthings  
Madeline Negron  
Pedro Medina (President of Bilingual Education Programs in CT)

Meriden

Miguel Cardona  
Jennifer Straub  
Diane Vumbach  
David Levenduski

Hartford

Jennie Correva  
Stacey McCann

Middletown

Amy Clarke  
Melissa Barbuto  
Yolande Eldridge  
Enza Macri- A. Supt.  
Keri Albanese- LA Sup.

East Hartford

Anthony Menard  
Edward Orszulak  
Nathan Quesnel- Supt.

Also

Hector Sanchez- Bridgeport  
Gary Highsmith- Hamden  
Michael Foran- 2012 National High School Principal of the Year  
New Britain

Teacher Leaders from New London (observers):

Christine Biakzak, Kerry Carter, Claves DePeters, Amy Farrior, Jeffery Mainetti, Leah O'Connor, Holly Ann Pierce, Shira Sabo, Victor Turbes, Jennifer Ann Von Husen

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