

## THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

Serving Schools and Their Leaders

Dear Elementary School Leader,

CAS is excited to invite you to participate in an innovative leadership cohort focused on harnessing the power of play-based learning in elementary school, with a focus on pre-K and kindergarten. This unique opportunity is open to both novice and seasoned administrators who are passionate about enhancing educational experiences for their young learners.

Our cohort facilitators are committed to working collaboratively with participants, ensuring a comprehensive exploration of best practices in play-based learning. Over the course of the 2023-2024 school year, we will convene on six dates: November 1, November 2, December 12, January 17, March 25, and March 26. Together, we will delve into the world of play-based learning and develop strategies that can be tailored to meet your specific needs, whether you are embarking on a new initiative or continuing to refine your approach.

One of our primary goals is to build capacity for supporting equitable learning experiences for all students, with a particular emphasis on addressing the needs of students with disabilities and dual language learners. Our cohort is designed to assist administrators in overcoming challenges related to scheduling and implementing play-based learning effectively.

To ensure an intimate and effective learning environment that will address individual needs, we are limiting the cohort size to 20 participants. Thanks to support from the LEGO Community Fund U.S., the cost for accepted applicants is only \$100, a small investment that promises substantial returns in terms of enriched educational practices and student engagement.

Visit <a href="https://www.casplaycohort.org">https://www.casplaycohort.org</a> for details and application materials. And, feel free to contact me via email, <a href="mailto:tcaouette@casciac.org">tcaouette@casciac.org</a>, or phone, 203-651-3914, with any questions.

Regards,

Tiffany Caouette, Assistant Executive Director

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