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Dear Colleagues:

Current research shows a strong relationship between school climate and success for all students. Furthermore, school districts are mandated through “No Child Left Behind” legislation and Connecticut statutes to provide a physically and emotionally safe environment for learning. As a response, The Connecticut Association of Schools, in partnership with The State Department of Education and Operation Respect CT is offering a series of one-day *Respect Me!* workshops for middle and high school teams of students, teachers and administrators interested in reducing negative behaviors and improving school climate for teaching and learning.

Participating teams will focus on issues of climate and community, learn strategies for positively impacting school climate, and leave with specific “first” or “next” steps designed to create a more compassionate environment. The workshops are designed both for schools who have not yet participated, and for the over 150 schools that have previously sent teams.

Because success relies on commitment from all members of a school community, teams must include at least one administrator, one teacher and two students. *Typically, attending teams are comprised of an administrator, two teachers and four to six students.*

Schools may register online at www.casciac.org. or on the attached form for workshops on the following dates:

Respect Me! High Schools

September 22, 2004

November 3, 2004

January 11, 2005

May 4, 2005

Respect Me! Middle Schools

October 28, 2004

December 7, 2004

February 1, 2005

May 3, 2005

Workshops will be held at the CAS Conference Center in Cheshire from 8:30 –2:30 (*It is important for teams to stay for the full time!*). Each session is limited to 80 participants and registrations will be processed on a “first come, first served” basis.

If you have questions, please call. We look forward to working with you to improve the climate for teaching and learning in your school.

Regards,

Dennis Carrithers
Assistant Executive Director, High School

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Assistant Executive Director, Middle School

The Connecticut Association of Schools
RESPECT ME! REGISTRATION FORM

School _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

SESSIONS (Please circle choice)

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Names of Participants*	Role (Student, Teacher, Administrator)	S.S. #**
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Please complete form and mail with a check for \$20.00 per person (fee covers materials, refreshments, and lunch) to CAS, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410. You may also fax the registration (1-203-250-1345) with a purchase order number.

P.O. Number (if registering by fax or email) _____

*School teams must include at least one administrator, one teacher and two students. Additional teachers, administrators, and/or students are welcome. Teams must include at least as many students as adults.

**CAS will award .5 CEUs to adult participants.