



THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS (CAS)  
FALL CONFERENCE FOR PRINCIPALS (K-12)

PRESENTS

**DR. DOUGLAS REEVES**

*BEYOND ISLANDS OF EXCELLENCE:  
THE JOURNEY FROM ISOLATED IMPROVEMENT  
TO SYSTEM WIDE SUCCESS*

**Monday, November 28, 2005**

**The Rocky Hill Marriott  
Rocky Hill, Connecticut**



# SCHEDULE

**Dr. Douglas Reeves**

**“Beyond Islands of Excellence:  
The Journey From Isolated Improvement  
To System Wide Success”**

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8:00 to 8:30	Registration/Coffee/Exhibit Viewing
8:30 to 8:40	Welcome/Opening Remarks
8:45 to 10:00	Dr. Reeves Workshop – Part I
10:00 to 10:15	Exhibit Viewing
	Coffee Refresh
10:15 to 12:00	Dr. Reeves Workshop – Part II
12:00 to 12:30	Exhibit Viewing
12:40 to 1:40	Italian Buffet Lunch and Networking
1:40 to 1:55	State Department of Education Update on School Initiatives
2:00 to 2:45	Afternoon Workshops
2:45 to 3:30	Afternoon Workshops

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*AM service features freshly brewed coffees, teas, juices and assorted breakfast pastries, breads, bagels and/or croissants.  
Continuously replenished refreshment breaks.*

*An Italian lunch buffet will be set up in three areas.*

# DIRECTIONS

**The Marriott Rocky Hill  
100 Capital Boulevard, Rocky Hill CT**

**From Hartford:**

Take I-91 south to exit 23 (West Street, Rocky Hill). At end of ramp, turn left. At second light, turn right. Hotel driveway is on the right.

**From New Haven:**

Take I-91 north to exit 23 (West Street, Rocky Hill). At end of ramp, turn right. At light, turn right. Hotel driveway is on the right.

**From Merritt Parkway (Route 15):**

Follow to Meriden exit 68, which will be I-91 north. Continue on I-91 north to exit 23 (West Street, Rocky Hill). At end of ramp, turn right. Hotel driveway is on the right.

**From Glastonbury:**

Take Route 2 west (towards Hartford). Take exit 5 onto Route 3 (towards Wethersfield). Continue on Route 3 and take the exit for I-91 south. Continue on I-91 south to exit 23 (West Street, Rocky Hill). At end of ramp, take left. At second light, turn right. Hotel driveway is on the right.

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## FALL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CAESP

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- Mark Proffitt, Spencer Elementary, Middletown
- Victoria Reed, Highland School, Wallingford
- Gina Vance, Gideon Welles School, Glastonbury (Chair)
- Judith Brockelman, Retired
- William McDermott, Retired

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



*Dr. Reeves is a leading presenter, researcher and author in the areas of standards, assessment, accountability and school leadership and is working with the CSDE district leaders and principals to develop and implement a standards-based model of student accountability. During his presentation, Dr. Reeves will build on his previous work with the CT Association of Schools, in which he identified the “antecedents of excellence” for improvements in student achievement and quality.*

*Dr. Reeves is founder and chief executive officer of the Center for Performance Assessment, an international organization dedicated to improving student achievement and educational equality. He has authored more than 20 books including the best selling Make Standards Work, now in its third edition. Dr. Reeves is a faculty member of leadership programs sponsored by the Harvard Graduate School of Education.*

## AFTERNOON

### 1:40 PM Connecticut State Department of Education Update

Dr. Nancy Stark, Education Manager of School Improvement and Literacy at the CT State Department of Education, has been a Teacher, a Director of Special Education and Pupil Services and a Principal serving the school districts of Glastonbury, West Hartford and Bloomfield. Dr. Stark is responsible for overseeing CT's Accountability for Learning Initiative. Dr. Stark graduated from Cornell University, has a Masters Degree from Columbia and obtained her Ph.D. at the University of Maryland.

(Workshops are 45 minutes in duration and you will attend these workshops in the afternoon 2:00 to 2:45 and 2:45 to 3:30.)

### Workshop 1: Practical Applications of Making Standards Work:

The work of Dr. Douglas Reeves helps to define how to implement standards-based programming. Dr. Dottie Hoyt, Principal of Pleasant Valley Elementary School in Groton and Mr. Eric Larson, Principal of the Burr District Elementary School in Higganum, will share how they have used the work of Dr. Reeves within their own schools. They will share how to begin the process in your school.

### Workshop 2: Implementing a Data-Based Accountability System:

The Bristol Public Schools instituted a data-driven accountability system modeled on the work of Dr. Reeves four years ago. Dr. Michael Wasta, Superintendent, and his staff members will describe the practical issues associated with the implementation of the system including the successes and challenges. They will also describe how the system has evolved over time to focus on all major components of the system, from the Board of Education, to teachers, to transportation providers, on the single goal of improving student achievement.

Participants who attend the **full conference** will be eligible for 0.5 CEU's. Turn in your name badge to the registration table at the end of the conference to receive your CEU's by mail.



## REGISTRATION FORM-Fee Information

Agency/School \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ S.S. # \_\_\_\_\_

There are 2 workshops in the afternoon. You will attend both. We will balance the workshops by numbers for the 2 afternoon sessions and they will be printed on the back of your name tag on the day of the conference.

### Registration Fees (Includes entire program and lunch):

1. CAS Member Schools' Personnel \$ 99.00
2. CAS Non-Member Schools' Personnel \$135.00
3. Teams: Deduct from Fee: \$ -12.00  
Team = 4 or more from single school or 6 or more from a single district

**Principals of Title I schools identified as "in need of improvement" will have their registration fees paid for by the CT State Department of Education.**

### Please indicate appropriate registration fee:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$99.00                      \_\_\_\_\_ \$135.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Teams enter total fee                      \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Paid by SDE

Registration should be completed in full and sent with check or purchase order made payable to CAS to:

**Regina S. Birdsell  
30 Realty Drive,  
Cheshire, CT 06410**

Questions may be directed to the CAS office at 203-250-1111

**RESERVATION/CANCELLATION DEADLINE: November 18, 2005**

*No refunds will be made for cancellations after the deadline  
No confirmation will be sent for this conference. Please pick up your name badge and conference materials at the registration table on the day of the conference.*

