The Connecticut Association of Schools will hold its 54th Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at St. Clements Castle in Portland, CT. Please mark the date on your calendars!

Last year, we made a number of changes to the annual meeting, including reducing the overall length of the event. Based on feedback from last year’s participants, the changes we implemented resulted in a more engaging meeting, one which was easier to fit into your already very busy schedules. We hope that the modifications we have made will bring about a significant increase in attendance at this year’s event. Please join us to review some of the highlights of 2005-2006 and to help us chart a course for 2006-2007.

CAS-CIAC has had a very active and successful school year. The CAS Board of Directors just completed the final year of implementation of its 2003-2006 Three Year Plan, achieving a wide range of objectives in the area of technology, public relations and educational leadership. Furthermore, the Principals’ Center embarked on a new partnership with UCONN to administer the internship phase of the University of Connecticut Administrator Preparation Program (UCAPP). This partnership has us poised to become a prominent agent in the state’s efforts to address one of its most critical challenges: reducing the growing administrative shortage. The immediate ramification of this nascent partnership is a significant expansion of our overall operation, which, in turn, necessitates an organizational restructuring. Please add your voice to the discussion on CAS’s future.

For the CIAC, the 2005-2006 year was a time of intense self-examination. The board took a close look at several of its most consequential (and controversial) regulations and adopted a number of significant changes. Several bylaw revisions – one of which entrusts the CIAC with the authority to sanction coaches – will be submitted to the legislative body for a vote.

There are a number of important issues — affecting both CAS and CIAC members — which will come before you at the May meeting. Their resolution is very important to the future of CAS, to your school, and to you as its administrator. Your presence at the annual meeting is vital — we can’t do it without you!

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Additional information — including the proposed revisions to the CAS Constitution and CIAC By-Laws — will be mailed shortly.