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2016-2017 Annual Report
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIVISION
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Highlights of the 2016-2017 school year include:

- The CAS elementary and middle levels collaborated to create rubrics and benchmarks for ALL recognition awards to ensure consistency in standards and best practices. They also aligned timelines for middle and elementary recognition applications/awards.
- Roxanne Augelli attended a 3-day training at the internationally known Center for Creative Leadership to gather knowledge and strategies to enhance CAS's leadership trainings.
- A series of "Trending Now" workshops were held including "Using Interim Assessment to Drive Instructional Changes," where participants learned in real time how to use the block interim assessments to evaluate students' skills and make necessary changes in instruction.
- CAS sponsored the exclusive launch of Visible Learning^{plus} in Connecticut! This three-day foundational series centered around the work of John Hattie and focused on developing efficacy, building capacity and fostering growth mindsets in participants' schools and districts.
- The CAS Exemplary School Climate designation has been awarded to two schools to date: Alcott School in Wolcott and Irving School in Derby. The application process is open and ongoing and more are expected!
- With a goal towards continuous improvement, the Elementary Board of Control met five times this year and was actively engaged in the process of reviewing and refining existing programs. The board looks forward to continuing its work next year with the addition of Evelyn Robles-Rivas (New Haven), Amy Yost (Shelton), Shawn Simpson (Wolcott), Jennifer Olson (Derby), Joe Macrino (Clinton), and Debra Ponte (Waterbury).
- Two separate recognition events - one for student artists and one for adult volunteers - were successfully organized and well-attended.
- Roxanne and three board of control members attended the NAESP National Leaders Conference in Washington, DC, engaging in critical advocacy efforts on behalf of public schools and their leaders.