

THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

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The High School Board of Control goals for the year were as follows:

1. To further the cause of high school reform by communicating the work of the state Ad Hoc Committee and representing high school principals' responses.
2. To assist high schools with the NEAS&C accreditation process.
3. To connect high school principals with policy-makers, ensuring a strong "voice at the table" when decisions affecting the conditions for teaching and learning are made.
4. To continue the High School Educator of the Year recognition.
5. To continue the William Cielukowski Award for first year high school principals.
6. To foster membership in NASSP.

The activities generated in response to these goals included:

- CAS offered a two-day seminar October 16 and 17 on NEAS&C accreditation that registered 65 participants from 14 different high schools. Over the last two years, CAS has provided 85 high schools with presentations and professional development programs on accreditation.
- For the second consecutive year, the board solicited nominations for and selected a recipient of the High School Educator of the Year Award. Over 20 nominations were received and considered with the four finalists having personal interviews.
- The board worked in conjunction with the CAS Legislative Committee to give testimony on the secondary school reform bill and the student free speech bill. CAS positions on both bills were placed in the record.
- CAS partnered with the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) to develop guidelines for the in-school suspension requirement. Several high school principals met with the SDE task force that completed the guidelines.
- The board sponsored two afternoon sessions on November 20th and on February 25th on the new anti-bullying law. Attorney Tom Mooney discussed the requirements of the law and Jo Ann Freiberg of the state department of education presented ways for satisfying the law's emphasis on improving school climate.
- The Assistant Principals' Committee, chaired by Andre Hauser of Coginchaug High School, sponsored the 31st Annual Assistant Principals Conference. It was held on October 22nd with over 100 assistant principals attending. It was coordinated with the October 20th CAS Fall Conference on Secondary School Reform.
- The Board reviewed nominations for the William Cielukowski Award for first year principals and selected Carol Birks of Harding High School in Bridgeport as the recipient. She was presented her award at a reception in Bridgeport in February.
- CAS now handles all NASSP membership mailings and all renewals are processed through CAS. All NASSP members in Connecticut renew their memberships as of July 1. NASSP encourages state affiliates to collect NASSP dues and provides a financial incentive at no additional cost to the individual. About 380 Connecticut administrators are members of NASSP. Depending on the increase in new members this year, CAS will receive an additional \$3600 to \$6300 from NASSP as a result of this membership initiative.