

# THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

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### 2010-2011 ANNUAL REPORT HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF CONTROL

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

- to provide professional development opportunities to high school administrators based on identified needs.
- to assist high schools with the NEAS&C accreditation process.
- to connect high school principals with policy-makers, ensuring a strong “voice at the table” when decisions affecting the conditions for teaching and learning is made.
- to continue High School Educator of the Year recognition.
- to continue the William Cielukowski Award for first year high school principals.
- to foster membership in NASSP.

The activities generated in response to these goals included:

- CAS offered a two-day seminar November 8, 9, 2010, on NEAS&C accreditation that registered 50 participants from ten different high schools. Over the last several years, CAS has provided 95 high schools with presentations and professional development programs on accreditation.
- The High School Professional Studies Committee chose to consider an examination of administrator evaluation models in preparation for the CAS participation in the state Performance Evaluation Advisory Council. By state statute, the Council will design guidelines for teacher and administrator evaluation systems. The Committee reviewed plans from other states, obtained results of the state survey to districts about their current evaluation plans, and will continue to provide input to CAS for the guidelines being developed. One focus will be to define the many variables for indicators of student growth.
- The Board organized the High School Educator of the Year for the third year, solicited nominations, but did not receive any nominations. This was unusual considering that over 20 nominations had been received in the past. The Board will continue the program another year to determine if the unusual number of school closings may have hindered schools from their normal follow through.
- The Board initiated a series of workshops on technology that began later than planned because of the many snow days this year. The first session was a presentation by Tom Mooney of Shipman and Goodwin on social networking. The second on May 2<sup>nd</sup> was a panel of high school principals who presented use of technology to do universal screenings of students for SRBI purposes. The Board plans further sessions in the fall.
- CAS continues to further secondary school reform by supporting the Connecticut Plan at the state level and involvement with the New England Secondary School Consortium.
- The Assistant Principals’ Committee sponsored a series of seminars for assistant principals on legal issues, technology, and school climate.
- The Board reviewed nominations for the William Cielukowski Award for first year principals and selected Paul Benton, principal of Putnam High School as the recipient. He was presented the award at the CAS Fall Conference.
- CAS continues to handle 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. The goal is now to encourage new memberships from Connecticut secondary school administrators.