THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS The 62nd Annual Meeting

2013-2014 Annual Report HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF CONTROL

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The Connecticut Association of Schools High School Board of Control goals for the academic year were:

- to identify ways in which CAS can provide support to high school principals.
- to provide professional development to high school principals based on need.
- to participate in the selection of the High School Principal of the Year.
- to participate in the selection of the William Cielukowski Award for first year principals.
- to provide a voice for legislative decisions that affect teaching and learning.
- to foster membership with NASSP.

Throughout the year, the CAS High School Board of Control (HSBoC) has achieved:

- CAS offered two-day seminars on the NEASC Standards for Continuous School Improvement. The October 15th-16th and the April 22nd-April 23rd workshops were each attended by five high school teams. Each team of five consisted of a combination of administrators and teachers.
- CAS continues to handle all NASSP membership mailings and renewals. NASSP encourages state affiliates to collect NASSP dues and provides a financial incentive at no additional cost to the individuals.
- The HSBoC began operating under the updated bylaws that were approved at last year's annual meeting. The bylaw updates are intended to more effectively align the activities and powers of the HSBOC to the CAS-CIAC mission. The HS BoC coordinated a presentation by Jonathan Costa for the CAS Board of Directors at their Dec. 16 meeting. The presentation focused on increasing the coherence of school improvement initiatives and will serve as the foundation for his presentation at the Summer Leadership Retreat in June.
- The HSBoC collaborated with the CIAC to implement the Endowment Grant/Flanagan Grant Scholarship. Winners will be honored at the CAS Annual Meeting. On April 8th, CAS, along with sponsors Jostens and Bearingstar Insurance, honored 296 students from 148 member schools at the 19th Annual High School Outstanding Arts Awards Banquet. Our guest speaker, Edward Cumming, Director of Orchestral Activities and Associate Professor of Music at The Hartt School, entertained the audience with anecdotes from his career and encourages students to have a broad perspective on the opportunities they should pursue for careers in the arts.
- The HSBoC is actively planning programs for next year focusing on the immediate needs of principals and other school leaders. Programs are tentatively schedule to include presentations on: how to make teacher evaluation both manageable for administrators and meaningful for teachers, the redesign of the SAT test and what it means for high schools, and how to make meaning from the data we hope to get regarding SBAC test performance.