

THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS
The 63rd Annual Meeting

2014-2015 Annual Report

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

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- **Redesigned SAT/PSMQT's:** The High School Board of Control invited Alan Bernstein to present a workshop on the redesign of the SAT/PSMQT to align with SBAC, a workshop that proved so popular that it was followed by three additional workshops. Next year, the College Board will follow-up with presentations on language arts, math, and interpreting scores and results.

- **Summer Leadership Institute:** The theme of this year's institute is: *It's Personal: A Coherent, Student-Centered Approach to Preparing Students for Life and Learning in the 21st Century*. In addition to breakout sessions showcasing the work of various New England schools and school districts, Nick Donahue, President and CEO of the Nellie Mae Foundation, and Marc Brackett, of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence will speak. Allison Zmuda will present a community of practice on student-centered learning in 2015-2016.

- **New England Association of Schools and Colleges:** This year, there were two workshops attended by teams from nine Connecticut high schools, which focused on, among other things, the imminent change of the decennial self-study to a digital format.

- **Arts Education Grant:** Under the direction of CAS, high school teachers and administrators participated in the selection of schools to receive awards of up to \$50,000 as part of the CSDE's Grant Opportunity to Support Arts in Education.

- **Principals' Leadership Series:** Forty of Connecticut's high school leaders participate in the year-long Principals' Leadership Series, which was composed of workshops based on Bryan Goodwin's *Simply Better*.

- **Coherence Community of Practice:** As a follow-up to the 2014 Summer Leadership Institute, *Putting It All Together: Creating Coherence around the Connecticut Core Standards*, Jonathan Costa two series of six workshops participated in by Connecticut School and School District Teams.