

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

The U.S. office of Nonpublic Educators has made the following suggestions to help implement the NCLB Act for the coming year:

Private school officials should consider the following:

- Be informed about the various federal education programs requiring the equitable participation of private school students and teachers.
- Be familiar with the consultation requirements regarding the equitable participation of private school students and teachers in federal education programs.
- Make sure the school or group of schools is on the mailing list of the LEA and state educational agency (SEA) so that notices will be received in a timely manner. Be sure that the LEA and SEA have the correct name and address of the designated private school officials.
- Take an active part in the consultation process, finding out in advance the purpose of the programs, the criteria that are used to identify eligible children, teachers, and other personnel for each program, and permissible activities.
- Be prepared to provide specific information on the needs of the students and teachers and to offer suggestions for services/ programs that will help meet the particular needs of the private school students, teachers and other personnel.
- Engage in early and frequent contact with public school officials so that public and private school officials are part of the consultation process throughout each phase of the project. Request a calendar of dates for consultation meetings.
- As required by law, discuss upfront how the various programs/services will be evaluated in order to ensure accountability and how that assessment will be used to modify/improve program/services for the following year.
- Encourage the private school community – parents, teachers, and administrators to take an active role in assessing student needs and planning a program to meet those needs.
- Give the LEA a copy of the private school calendar, including starting and dismissal times, and notify the LEA as soon as possible of any unscheduled change in calendar. Inform the LEA if the school office will be closed for any of the summer months.
- Encourage the development of the Non-Public School Working Group within the district to maximize private school students' and teachers' participation in federal education programs; foster collaborative relations with private schools and school district personnel; develop effective programs and activities; and address concerns.
- If a problem arises, try to resolve it through personal contact and by following the chains of command in the public and private school systems.

To refresh your memory on the consultation process, consult www.usccb.org/education/fedasst/interests.htm

US SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM FOR 2003-2004

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation, in cooperation with the US Senate and the education departments of all the states, is once again sponsoring the US Senate Youth Program. Two high school student leaders are selected from each state to visit Washington, DC as guests of the Hearst Foundation, all expenses paid. The students engage in a series of seminars and briefings with Senators and members of the House of Representatives and meet with officials of the executive and judicial branches of government.

In addition, each student selected will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship award. These awards will be issued provided that the student at an accredited institution takes two full courses in US government, history, and/or political science during the student's future college or university career. Scholarship criteria and determinations are made by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.

All completed applications must be received at the NYS Education Department no later than October 11, 2003. For qualifications and applications, please call CSAANYS at (518) 273-1205 or e-mail

SED MAILINGS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

During this time of fiscal constraints throughout the State, the State Education Department must reduce the number of items to be printed and mailed to school districts. One example of this is the School Executive's Bulletin, which will now only be available electronically from the main Elementary, Middle, Secondary and Continuing Education (EMSC) website: www.emsc.nysed.gov

Items such as forum notices, workshops schedules, Regents examination schedules, funding opportunities (RFP's and grant notices) and other such informational items will be posted on the state's website for parents and administrators to view/print. Major informational items will be available under "News and Notes" on EMSC's main web page. An office listing with corresponding web links in EMSC is located at the following address: www.emsc.nysed.gov/deputy/Documents/emscoffices.html

If you need additional assistance in locating/retrieving any information, please contact the Administrative Support Group, Communications Unit at: emscgen@mail.nysed.gov

HOMELAND SECURITY

Levels of Alert for Homeland Security are fluctuating between orange and yellow. Suggestions for actions at each of those levels can be found at: www.emsc.nysed.gov/.

For schools planning student trips, overseas travel advisories from the US Department of State are available at: <http://travel.state.gov/>. If you have any questions, please call Laura Sahr at (518) 474-3906.

OUT OF STATE JOB OPENING

Lauralton Hall all girls Catholic High School, Milford, CT is looking for a president starting 2003-2004. For more information, check www.csaanys.org