



CSAANYS News

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The Catholic School administrators who attended the 1971 meeting of the New York State Association of Secondary School Administrators in Kiamesha, NY had no inkling of what that meeting would produce. Locked out of sessions where public school administrators were strategizing as to how to scuttle the impending mandated services legislation, the Catholic school administrators in attendance held their own meeting, and decided it was time to have their own association. On April 24, 1971, some 280 principals gathered at Mater Christi High School in Brooklyn, voted in an executive board and appointed Brother Peter Pontonlillo, SM Executive Secretary and Brother Thomas Draney, CFC Field Representative.

The Christian Brothers allowed CSAANYS offices to use space at their high school in Schenectady so that the directors had access to the state legislature. The most immediate task was crafting mandated services legislation which would satisfy the New York constitution, a test that a previous law in this area had failed. Brother Tom Draney wrote the wording of the provision and serious conversations between the CSAANYS directors and Albany lawmakers resulted in legislation that endures to this day.

Having completed this first task, the team turned its attention to other legislation. In 1978 the first CSAANYS state-wide convoca-

tion brought hundreds of Catholic School principals to Albany with the expectation that both Governor Carey and Speaker of the Assembly Steingut would buoy spirits by a frank discussion of possible state aid to Catholic schools. After a 45-minute wait for the Governor, and, even worse the failure of Speaker Steingut to show up, the attendees called on CSAANYS to expand its task of calling attention to the contributions of Catholic schools to the public good of the state.

Encouraged by the support of the Catholic School Administrators across the state, CSAANYS began to take on tasks beyond the strictly legislative. Directors serving on State Education department committees as representatives of the larger nonpublic school community has brought CSAANYS in direct contact with the "movers and shakers" at State Ed. As a result, a tradition of cooperation and sharing of information and resources began, strengthened in 1979, when Joan Arnold became the first Nonpublic School Commissioner and the Office of Nonpublic Schools became a part of NYSED. Currently the Executive Director is a member of the Commissioners Advisory Council for Nonpublic schools. CSAANYS also works closely with the New York State Catholic Conference and the eight Catholic dioceses to obtain needed relief and resources for the Catholic schools. This cooperation has resulted in in-

creases in textbook aid, library, technology hardware and software, transportation and special education services.

Workshops and other in-service opportunities for faculties, administrators, boards, parents and students have been expanded and brought to all parts of the state and nation. The CSAANYS newsletter is a monthly part of the busy administrator's inbox; it provides valuable information and commentary, neatly digested for busy professionals. In addition research reports and publications keep busy administrators up-to-date and informed about topics important to school management. Personal consultations for administrators seeking immediate answers to their questions and problems continue to grow as school budgets shrink and regulations grow more complex.

The CSAANYS of 2008 continues to be the only organization of its kind in the country. CSAANYS remains true to its mission, "The Catholic School Administrators Association works toward the professional growth and personal satisfaction of the administrators of the Catholic schools in our state."

CSAANYS is thankful for the continued support of the administrators, and strives to maintain a reputation of professionalism and effectiveness. CSAANYS looks forward to serving the administrators for many more years.

Mandated Services and CAP Forms

The Mandated Services Aid forms are now available on the department website:

<http://www.emsc.nysed.gonpub/>

The form for CAP reimbursement for the 2006-2007 school year is currently being developed.

Response to Intervention

Something all principals need to become familiar with: Response to intervention - by 2012 public schools must have an established plan for RTI. Some LEAs may already be using or discussing such plans, over the coming months CSAANYS will provide you with information and resources so you are "in the loop".

Response to Intervention (RIT) integrates assessment and intervention within a multi-level prevention system to maximize student achievement and to reduce behavior problems. With RTI, schools identify students at risk for poor learning outcomes, monitor student progress, provide evidence-based interventions and adjust the intensity and nature of those interventions depending on a student's responsiveness, and identify students with learning disabilities. visit www.rti4success.org or call CSAANYS at 518-273-1205 for more information.

CSAANYS WEBSITE

Did you know that in every newsletter except May there is a box that has the username and password so you can log-in to the member's only side of the website? The username is member8, and the password is creator. We change

the username and password each November. We try to keep our website as current as possible. There are so many great sections for you, Resources for Principals, Member News, Grants, Research Reports, and our newest section

Faith Formation. In this section we are putting up resources and prayers. If you have a prayer or resource you think is great, please send it to Lori at ny-sadm@csdsl.net or fax 518-273-1206.