

To: All active and potential members
 From: Your Executive Director

WORKSHOPS The regional workshops in March and April were, according to feedback received, outstanding successes. Over 300 administrators, from both member and non-member schools attended. A frequently appearing comment on evaluation forms was an expression of satisfaction over the relevancy of topics and presenters. This can only mean that the Executive Board's concept of planning by each region on the local level was an effective one. The workshops marked the first time that all administrators were invited on an inter-diocesan basis, to come together and share professionally.

We certainly plan to have similar workshops next year. And yes, there will be coffee to greet you after the early start and, for many, the long drive!

TITLE I PROJECT With the blessing of the Albany School Office, Br. Draney, our Field Representative, has been working with the principals in Schenectady and the local public school board to achieve, for the first time, the real participation of the Catholic schools in the Schenectady program that the law both permits and specifies. The purpose of CSAANYS involvement in this is to give us the practical knowledge of procedures as well as theory, so that we can assist other schools in the state where they suspect that they are not getting fair treatment, and they have in practice no one else to turn to.

TITLE II APPROPRIATION Administrators were instructed in the original request for library materials to apply for only 50% of last year's allocation at that time, because the money to fund Title II had not been completely committed by the federal government. The program has been fully funded recently for 72-73; therefore Catholic schools should hear shortly, if they have not done so already, from their local public school district about making a second requisition which, unless there are extraordinary circumstances, should bring their total amount very close to the amount received in the previous year.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR Catholic school administrators are asked to seek out candidates for consideration as New York State Teacher of the Year in 1974. It would be good public relations for as many schools as possible to nominate teachers from among those in our schools. Entries should be addressed to *The New York State Teacher of the Year, Room 662, Education Building Annex, New York State Education Dept., Albany, New York 12224.* Entries will be accepted to June 30. A strong case should be presented for each teacher.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS Of special interest to our entire membership should be a campaign aimed at your local legislators and the state leadership in regard to the following bills:

SUPPORT

- S3505 A (Giuffreda) - to extend Textbook Loan Law to include grades K thru 6. (Raising of the dollar value from \$10 to \$20 might be advocated.)
- A6672 (Cook, et al.) - to broaden the definition of 'textbook.'
- S4573 - to repeal present law requiring equipment for automatic transmission of fire alarms to the fire station directly, effective 73-74 .
- A3910 & - to provide right of dual enrollment in BOCES
- S3503 for vocational programs and for handicapped.

OPPOSE

- A262 - which extends textbook law only to public school children.
- A4954 Which maintains E.L.807-C, with regard to fire alarm installation
- A6679 which makes dual enrollment *permissive* and not mandatory.
- A1312A - which allows commercial driving schools to give driver education programs.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS OF AFT OPPOSE TAX CREDITS

John Murray, in the April, 1973. AFT newsletter to members, voices his opposition to tax credits for parents with children in nonpublic schools. Many of the lay teachers who joined this union felt it would give them a voice as well as benefits. Now is the chance for them to stand up and cry FOUL. Union leaders in general need a lot of attention, for in many cases they are voicing a stance which is not only not representative of their membership, but also harmful to it.

MEMBERSHIP - At the present time CSAANYS numbers some 450 schools, with 560 individual administrators as members. We are now one third of the way to full active membership in our state association, which celebrated its first birthday on April 24th. Membership renewals have been sent out to all members who enrolled between May and November of '72. Non-members are receiving an application along with this newsletter. We urge all to act NOW.

The Executive Board has voted to maintain the present dues structure for another year. Please remember that membership runs for a full twelve months from receipt of the dues.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO NONPUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION We call your attention to this workshop cosponsored by USCC and Catholic University, June 11 - 15 at CU. A comprehensive coverage of the areas involved is scheduled, and speakers are highly qualified. Cost: \$80 for tuition; from \$21 to \$42 for accommodations, depending on type selected; meals are extra. Contact Dr. John Gilheany, Director of Continuing Education, at CU, Washington D.C. 20017

FEDERAL TAX CREDIT LEGISLATION Possibly because of the dimension that a Supreme Court decision on the N.Y. tax exclusion law would add, but probably because of other political pressures, the House Ways and Means Committee has put off consideration of any tax measures and bills until it finishes work on some trade measures. This means that probably no action will be taken on tax credit legislation until September.

Parents, faculty, and students should organize a letter writing campaign to keep a steady flow of letters going to legislators, particularly Senator Javits, and leaders of government in June, July, and August. A group of 100 could be broken into four cells of 25, each of which would write one short note every fourth week. Or perhaps one Letter Writing Night could be held, on which everyone would write four short notes, dating them for every fourth week, and then giving them to one person who would see that they were mailed at the appropriate time. Letters of thanks for support given, particularly to the President, should also be sent.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM Although the federal law was changed to permit the use of 'competitive services' such as the sale of soft drinks and candy with the school lunch program, as reported in our memo in October, the SED's Bureau of School Food Management, after reviewing the situation, has reaffirmed its policy of prohibiting the sale of such foods in competition with the school lunch program, i.e., *in the lunch area during lunch time*. This policy is in line with the recommendations of the AMA, ADA, and the National and NYS Food Service Association.

Catholic schools in the lunch program are receiving cash allotments, in lieu of surplus foods which are not presently available, in the same way participating public schools are.

Non-food assistance (equipment, etc.) is available to schools, particularly those with a significant number of needy children (25% or more) and schools in deprived and low income areas. It is intended for schools who need equipment to start or to maintain a lunch program; funding is on a 75% state and 25% local school basis.

MANDATED SERVICES and the OMNIBUS LAW There is little to add to the up-dating of March 27. The oral arguments for the Omnibus Law were heard on April 16. Perhaps we are seeing only what we wish to, but we think the Justices in the argument exposed Mr. Pfeffer's essential bigotry. Since it generally takes six to eight weeks for decisions to be written, June is still the target date for both decisions, if they are to be coupled as expected. There have been favorable signs of support of the constitutionality from prestigious persons and groups in the legal profession, but after the decision on abortion, no one could presume to know ahead what the Court will do in a given case.

DRIVER EDUCATION LEGISLATION Bills to permit commercial driving schools to give the same courses as secondary schools have been stopped for this session. CSAANYS worked with the Metropolitan Driving and Traffic Safety Education Association, which represents over 100 nonpublic schools, on this matter, and we plan to cooperate with them and similar groups throughout the state in the future, for the idea is not dead. Our office heard directly from Senator Conklin (R-Brooklyn) and Assembly Minority Leader Steingut about their efforts to kill the bills mentioned. We received acknowledgments of our 'position paper' from other legislators, including Senator McGowan of Buffalo.

GOALS AND PROGRAMS FOR '73 - '74 Please read the separate enclosed sheet, and then become involved. Your professional association can and will do much when you become involved, particularly on the local level.

This will be our last Newsletter for 72 - 73, but administrators will be sent memos when such are necessary. Our best wishes for the successful completion of this hectic part of the year, and then a healthy, restful, and blessed summer.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary,

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Executive Director