



Regents Legislative Hearing

Your Executive Director presented nine pages of testimony before the Board of Regents at their Legislative hearing on September 13th. Among the recommendations made to the Regents on behalf of our schools were:

- 1) The writing of a new Mandated Services Law.
- 2) A state subsidy for physical education and interscholastic athletic equipment, etc.
- 3) A dual enrollment bill in BOCES providing for vocational and occupational education and aid to the handicapped.
- 4) The loan of reading equipment, assorted computer machinery and cable television equipment.
- 5) Expansion of the present textbook law to include other materials not presently covered.
- 6) The adoption of a State Titles program, patterned after the existing ESEA Federal Titles to provide additional aid for libraries, schools in poor areas and audio visual equipment and materials.
- 7) State funding for the state mandated fire alarm transmission law equipment or the repeal of this law.

As part of the testimony, CSAANYS urged the Regents to alert government (public) school personnel to their responsibilities in carrying out existing laws in the areas of textbooks, transportation, health and welfare statutes and federal titles programs.

SED Goals Position Paper and Physical Education Recommendations

CSAANYS has been asked by various agencies in the SED for an evaluation of 2 projects. In responding to the draft on Goals for Education in New York State for the 70's which was issued in April of this year, our Executive Board called attention to the fact that while many of the goals deal specifically with value education, the

role of non government schools in dealing with value education is not elaborated upon. The Board emphasized the present limitations placed upon the government school system in this area, and suggested some new directions for government education in this area as well as the recognition of what non government schools have to offer. Copies of the full 13-page response are available upon request from Association headquarters.

In responding to the proposed recommendations on physical education and interscholastic athletics, the Board questioned what appears to be an undo emphasis in this area. Increasing the number of physical education periods, thereby increasing the need for additional personnel and additional facilities makes some of the proposals philosophically and economically untenable. On the whole, however, the Board expressed its support for most of the recommendations. Copies of this report are also available.

CSAANYS Position On State Mandated Services

Our Executive Board has applauded and endorsed the position taken by our Superintendents as a test for compliance with various state mandated services. All requests for supplying data, etc. must give evidence of:

- 1) benefit to our children
- 2) recognition of the worth and quality of our schools,
- 3) pertinancy of forms to our schools,
- 4) consideration for reimbursement of costs to our schools.

In essence, requests from governmental agencies will no longer be complied with as a matter of course until such time as a revised mandated services bill is reenacted in accordance with the principles laid down by the Supreme Court. In conjunction with this the SED has asked CSAANYS to set up a committee of 6 to 8 principals from across the state who will advise the Office of Nonpublic School Services with regard to costs incurred by our schools in following through on various state mandates. As soon as this committee is complete, all members will be notified of its membership.

WORKSHOPS

The Association will limit itself to workshops in two areas during the present school year — religion education, and the problems of 8th and 12th grade students, generically termed "senioritis." Plans are presently being formulated for the workshop on senioritis to be held in late January or early February and the workshop on religion education in April. As a preliminary step to the religion education workshop, CSAANYS is inviting religion teachers from throughout the state to attend a special two-day sharing and planning conference in December. The conference will be held at Bergamo East outside of Utica, New York. Notices have been sent to selected religion teachers. Other principals who might be interested in sending teachers from their schools should contact Association headquarters.

TITLE II FUNDING

The impoundment by President Nixon of congressionally approved funds under ESEA Title II should cause great concern to us. We recommend that each administrator individually write and persuade others to write directly to the President asking him to free all approved funds under Title II. Traditionally, our schools have received an equitable share of these funds and since Mr. Nixon is on record as supporting aid to the non government schools, it seems inconceivable that a program which directly benefits the children in all schools should be adversely affected.

TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMS AND CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFICATION

In conversations with members of the division of teacher certification of the State Education Department, CSAANYS has been assured that included in the Department's legislative proposals for this year will be a change in education law deleting the requirement for government school service in order to obtain state certification as a chief school administrator. This will enable those of our administrators who wish to do so, to obtain certification in this area.

We have also received assurances that our schools can be included in teacher training programs set up by colleges and that those administrators who wish their schools to participate as lab experiences in these programs should consult with local colleges that offer such programs.

TEXTBOOK LAW SUMMARY

As a service to the membership, we will be publishing shortly a question-answer type information bulletin regarding the New York State textbook law since it appears that there is still much confusion and misinterpretation in this area on the part of both government and non government school people. It is hoped that this summary will clear up many complications.

SCHENECTADY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS INCLUDED IN TITLE I

Through the efforts of this Association, particularly Bro. Thomas Draney, our Field Representative, Catholic elementary schools in the city to Schenectady are being included fully in all Title I planning and funding from which they have been excluded for the past 5 years. Principals from other areas in the state who feel that their schools are being treated inequitably under Title I expenditures and planning are asked to contact Association headquarters.

CSAANYS CONSTITUTION

The referendum held on the proposed CSAANYS Constitution resulted in a unanimous adoption by the membership. Finalized copies will be sent to all members during the year.

MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP

Both the Field Representative and the Executive Director have been involved in much traveling about the state since the end of August addressing principals' meetings and parents' organizations. Both are available for speaking engagements with administrator and parents groups. We are happy to note that our membership presently numbers 738 individuals representing over 550 schools in the state, as well as several religious order and diocesan office education personnel. We are growing and we hope that you will

encourage others to join. Of significant note is the increase in membership on the elementary level from the Diocese of Ogdensburg and the Archdiocese of New York.

BARRERA CASE

The United States Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case involving ESEA services to non-government schools. The case involves the state of Missouri's refusal to provide remedial teaching personnel in the non-government schools. The Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit, found the state to be in violation of the law and this has been appealed by opponents of aid to non-government schools to the Supreme Court. The national implications of this case are quite evident, and we will keep our membership posted on new developments.

SOCIAL STUDIES PROJECT

On October 30th, social studies teachers from over 200 schools attended a meeting sponsored by CSAANYS at LaSalle High School in New York City. The purpose of the meeting was to investigate possible ways of strengthening American Studies courses in relation to our problem concerning church-state relations, the history of education, and the true background and meaning of the history of the first amendment. All member schools in New York City were invited to send participants. Materials that will be developed as a result of the meeting will be available for all member schools upon their completion.

HEALTH AND WELFARE STATUTES AND INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

We have received clarification from the State Education Department which states that public school districts must provide equal medical services at interscholastic athletics events involving non government schools if these services are provided out of district funds at local government school events. Such services are contingent upon written request from the non government schools to the government school district.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION VACANCIES

Individual principals are asked to notify this office when vacancies in administrative posts occur in individual Catholic schools. We receive requests from time to time from administrators who are seeking to relocate in other Catholic schools and we could therefore provide this service to the membership.

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PROGRAM

CSAANYS is now working with Royal Globe Insurance Company in setting up a group insurance plan which would follow along two lines of insurance:

1) The commercial line which would provide for insurance of vehicles owned and operated by the schools, and

2) personal line insurance which would provide for automobiles owned by individuals working in our schools, i.e., administrators, teachers, clerical and custodial staff, cafeteria personnel, etc.

A limited survey questionnaire has been sent out in order to demonstrate to the company the interest at the grassroots level in this plan, and we hope to have the plan fully developed by January.

REGENTS EXAMINATION SCORES

Schools are no longer required to list on official transcripts all failing grades from regents examinations. If a student retakes a regents examination, the administrator of the school in conjunction with the student may record only the higher grade. This new procedure seems more in line with the educational philosophy which inspires a student to take a more positive approach in seeking new levels of knowledge.

EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

At the end of the last school year and at the beginning of the present one, Elementary Representatives were elected in seven dioceses: Rockville Centre — Bro. Ronald Moore, OSF, St. Joseph's, Babylon, was re-elected; Brooklyn — Sr. Elizabeth Martin, CSJ, St. Mel's, Flushing, replaces Sr. Mary T. Brown, OP, who joined the staff of the diocesan education office in the Diocese of Rockville Centre; New York — Bro. Martin P. Burns, CFC, Iona Grammar School, New Rochelle, replaces Bro. Stephen Sweeney, FSC, who is now on the staff of Manhattan College; Albany — Mrs. Anne Lilly, St. Henry's School, Averill Park, replaces Sr. Patricia Collins, RSM; Syracuse — St. Patricia Geary, CSJ, Blessed Sacrament School as re-elected; Rochester — Sr. Edwardine Weaver, RSM, St. James School was re-elected; Ogdensburg — Sr. Theresa Geoghan, GNSH, was re-elected. Board representatives are elected to two year terms. Also, at the Executive Board meeting on September 21st, Msgr. Charles Eckermann, principal of Bishop Ludden High School, Syracuse, was unanimously re-elected to a second term as Board Chairman.

Congratulations to all of these principals.