

CSAANYS NEWS

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE
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NEW ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

The Executive Board of the Catholic School Administrators Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Sister Carol Cimino, SSJ, as Associate Director of the Association. Sister Carol is presently Director of Development at Nazareth Academy, Rochester.



Sister Carol has been at Nazareth Academy since 1979, first as Associate Principal for Curriculum and, since 1982, as Director of Development. She has been a member of the CSAANYS Board since 1981. She holds degrees from Nazareth College, Syracuse University, and the University of Rochester. Sister Carol will assume her duties in July.

Conference Reviews Compensatory Education

Sister Mary Anne Brawley, DC, Executive Director of the Catholic School Administrators Association of New York State, was among 50 Catholic education officials from across the U.S. who attended a March 16-18 legislative conference in Washington, D.C., on methods to restore the compensatory education program for disadvantaged private school students which was severely restricted by the July 1, 1985 Supreme Court decision on Aguilar vs. Felton.

Sponsored by the United States Catholic Conference Department of Education, the three-day session examined a call by the USCC for parental grants for compensatory education for eligible children in private schools in order to restore the Education Consolidation and Improvement Act Chapter 1 program to its pre-Aguilar level of equity.

Speakers at the USCC legislative conference included representatives of the U.S. Department of Education and the Congress who are developing ECIA Reauthorization efforts.

One afternoon of the conference was reserved for participants to visit Senators and representatives in their Capital Hill offices.

The USCC recently indicated support, in congressional testimony, for H.R. 950, the Special Educational Needs Act of 1987, which includes proposals to amend and extend the ECIA Chapter 1 program.

In other sessions of the legislative conference, USCC staff personnel discussed the 1987 education legislative agenda and other USCC legislative concerns.

Budget Ignores Nonpublic Schools

Although the recently passed State Budget included a record increase in state aid to education, frustratingly little was included of benefit to nonpublic school students and their parents. Turning what Joseph McTighe, Executive Secretary of the Catholic School Superintendents Council, termed "the legislative equivalent of a cold shoulder to students in nonpublic schools", the budget passed by the NYS Legislature included:

- No Textbook Aid Increase
- No Library Aid Increase
- No Software Aid Increase
- No Nonpublic PSEN Increase

Both the Governor and the Regents had included increases in textbook aid and library materials in their budget proposals.

There was a \$1 million increase in asbestos aid for public and nonpublic schools and a \$2.9 million increase in mandated services funds. However, if distributed proportionately, the asbestos aid will benefit nonpublic school students by about \$170,000, while the increase in monies for mandated services merely reflects the higher costs of complying with increased state mandates.

CSAANYS joins with the Superintendents Council and Parents Federation in urging administrators to alert parents of Catholic school children to this legislative neglect of their needs.

NEWSBRIEFS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Statistics show that 61 percent of Catholic school principals in NYS are members of CSAANYS. While 42 new members joined CSAANYS this year, 48 principals did not renew their membership. The number of schools that either closed or consolidated also affected the level of membership since a majority were members of CSAANYS.

We hate to lose members. If finances are a consideration, CSAANYS is willing to negotiate dues. Presently several schools are taking advantage of our negotiated dues offer.

If you are an out-going principal, please let your successor know about CSAANYS. Unfamiliarity is also a factor in non-renewals. A big plus for a new principal and CSAANYS is for the out-going principal to renew for them.

CSAANYS is a unique organization. Its strength is in being independent and dues supported. Its weakness is the same, for it cannot provide any service or program for which the membership dues cannot pay.

TUITION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In 1981 private schools with an average yearly tuition exceeding \$1500 were excluded from participating in the National School Lunch, Breakfast or Milk Programs.

Congress has, effective immediately, increased the tuition limit to \$2000 average annual tuition with an annual cost of living adjustment beginning on July 1, 1988. Therefore, private schools with an average yearly tuition not exceeding \$2000 per child are now eligible to apply for participation in any of the school nutrition programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act.

Elementary Representatives Elected

Four Elementary Board Representatives were re-elected and five elementary principals were newly-elected to represent the administrators of their dioceses on the Executive Board of CSAANYS.

RE-ELECTED

Sr. Mary Ann Crimmins	Roc. Centre	St. Philip Neri
Dr. Catherine Hickey	New York	Sacred Heart
Sr. Patricia Houlihan	Albany	Holy Cross
Sr. Jeannette Roy	Ogdensburg	St. Alexander

NEWLY ELECTED

Sr. Kathleen Appler	Syracuse	O.L. of Lourdes
Sr. Nancy Kelly	Rochester	St. Joseph's
Sr. Mary Kevin	Buffalo	St. Andrew
Sr. Lora Bannon	Brooklyn	O.L. of Guadalupe

CSAANYS would like to express its appreciation to retiring Board members: Sr. Lenore Toscano, Thomas DeSantis, Sr. Barbara Hamm and Sr. M. Janita. We are grateful for their contributions of time and efforts on behalf of the Association and wish them every blessing as they continue their ministries in Catholic Education.

WORKSHOP REPORT

Despite the heavy rains of early April, CSAANYS Workshops for 1987 went fairly well. The final figures show that 200 attended the three regional workshops and that a small net profit of \$500 was produced in their operation. The wet weather combined with an already heavy schedule of diocesan meetings seemed to be the causes of the relatively small attendance.

Overall, reactions were overwhelmingly positive. Participants welcomed the workshop as presenting topics that were timely and relevant. Many administrators commented that it was an excellent professional experience for them.

The Executive Board has voted to dispense with workshops in 1988 in favor of supporting and encouraging attendance at the NCEA Convention to be held in New York City next April. Plans are in progress for CSAANYS to host a "hospitality suite" during the convention.

DRUG FREE SCHOOLS ACT OF 1986

In October, 1986, the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1986 became law. \$200 million was authorized for grants to state and local educational agencies for drug abuse prevention programs and projects.

Funds are to be used for establishing school-based programs of drug abuse prevention; developing family drug abuse prevention programs; programs of in-service training in drug and alcohol abuse prevention.

There are provisions which require the equitable participation of students and teachers from private schools in activities so funded.

ALBANY RALLY/LOBBYING DAY

On May 19 the NYS Federation of Catholic School Parents is sponsoring a rally and day of intensive lobbying in Albany in behalf of education tax relief. Contact the NYS Federation office or your local Federation representative.