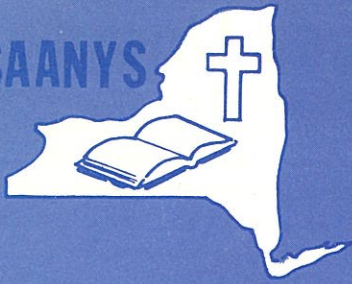


CSAANYS



NEWSLETTER

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE

SUITE 820 · 41 STATE STREET · ALBANY, NEW YORK 12207 · (518) 434-1291

Goals and Workshops 1979-80

The Executive Board of CSAANYS, under the direction of Board President Sr. Joan Staudohar, set priorities for the Association in the areas of legislation and services to the membership. Sr. Joan, who was elected at the June Executive Board meeting, is the first woman to serve as Association president. She has served as Rockville Centre Elementary Representative since 1977 and was Board vice-president last year. Sister is principal of St. Rose of Lima School in Massapequa and served as Community Supervisor for Education for the Amityville Dominicans from 1971 to 1976.

Elected as vice-president was Rev. Robert Sochor, OFM Conv., principal of Seton Catholic Central High School in Binghamton. Father Sochor has been a member of the Board since 1979, serving as Syracuse Secondary Representative.

LEGISLATION

CSAANYS will continue to "watchdog" legislation which affects the nonpublic schools and to frequently up-date the principals on the status of legislation. In addition, the Association will strive to work with principals to involve parents in the political struggle. Special emphasis will be placed on measures regarding transportation and health services. CSAANYS will also work to have legislation introduced to increase the money allotment for textbooks and to expand the money payments made by the state for Mandated Services.

WORKSHOP
Wednesdays:
April 16, 23, 30

During 1980, the Year of the Family, CSAANYS feels that it is important to increase the awareness and understanding of Catholic educators to the changing conditions and pressures on the modern day Catholic family. The theme of next year's three regional workshops will center on the realities of the present family in its many diverse forms to aid administrators and faculties in dealing with their students with more understanding and Christian concern.

Because of the nature of the CSAANYS Workshops over the past years, many administrators have expressed interest in

having their faculties attend as an in-service day. This year, the Executive Board voted to offer a special rate to principals and faculties who wish to use the workshop for this purpose.

The keynote address will be given by Mr. Joseph Kelly, Director of the Center for Continuing Education in Rochester, NY. Mr. Kelly will examine the modern Catholic family in its sociological, psychological and spiritual aspects.

Following Liturgy and lunch, the afternoon will consist of a series of mini-sessions. Speakers and topics set as of this writing are:

Gerald Cattaro, principal of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary School in Brooklyn and Elementary Representative on the CSAANYS Board from that Diocese, will explore the particular problems and opportunities in the administration of a MULTI-CULTURAL SCHOOL.

Sr. Regina Palamar, of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary School in Brooklyn, will discuss the development of prayers and liturgy for children in PRAYING WITH THE CHILD.

Ms. Mary Reed Newland, chairperson of the Albany Diocesan Committee on Adult and Home Education, will speak on TV AND THE CHILD. Ms. Newland states:

"I am terribly concerned about the effects of TV on children, and especially on the children whose parents, quite naively, do not perceive that the values for which they make so many sacrifices and give such great effort are very likely being cut off at the knees from 3:30 o'clock on in front of the TV set."

Ms. Newland will explore some of the techniques that can be taught to help families and children on their own to discern what

Continued on next page

Executive Director Testifies

Br. Bernard G. Flood, Executive Director of CSAANYS, gave testimony on behalf of Catholic education in New York State before the Board of Regents annual Legislative Hearings on September 7th.

Brother Flood urged that the "gifted and talented" students in the nonpublic schools of the state not be excluded from projects developed to cultivate the abilities of these children. He suggested to the Regents that these programs might be extended through the dual enrollment procedure. Brother further stated that nonpublic school teachers of gifted and talented students should be eligible to participate in workshops or training sessions that the state might sponsor.

Citing the continued effects of the Wolman Decision of the Supreme Court, under which therapeutic services are not permissible on nonpublic school premises,

Brother Flood urged the Regents to support legislation, S2240 and A3161, which would provide transportation for nonpublic school students requiring such services to the "neutral sites." Continuing in the area of transportation legislation, the Executive Director also elicited the support of the Regents for S342 and A3347 which require that transportation be provided to nonpublic school students on days when their schools are in session and the public schools are not in session.

In closing, Brother Flood asked the Regents to consider increasing the \$15 per student allotment for textbooks. He explained that an increased amount of money would aid the districts in off-setting the increased cost of textbooks and to better serve the needs of both public and nonpublic students.

Workshops, cont'd.

ads and programs are really saying.

At last year's workshop, Br. Joseph Jozwiak, Director of Staff Training at LaSalle School, presented a session on Teaching for Responsible Behaviors. This year Br. Joseph will address the topic DRUGS AND ALCOHOL and their devastating effects on young lives.

NEWSBRIEFS

CSAANYS WANTS YOU!!

CSAANYS membership has increased slightly from 732 to 751 members since June.

Last year, CSAANYS changed its membership year to September through September. Close to two hundred principals recently were sent RENEWAL REMINDERS and forms. If you were one of these, PLEASE take a minute to fill out and return the form to us. If finances are a consideration, CSAANYS is willing to negotiate your dues with you.

If you are a new principal and want to know more about CSAANYS, don't hesitate to contact the Albany office or your diocesan representative.

TITLE IV-C PROGRAMS

Applications forms and information for IV-C funding for 1980-81 have been sent by the SED to the districts. CSAANYS urges principals to contact their districts to find out if they will be participating in IV-C. Nonpublic school personnel are to be included in planning and needs assessment sessions for IV-C projects.

TRANSPORTATION AID

The Board of Regents has excluded the increased cost of fuel from the seven percent limit on increased transportation costs for which the districts may be reimbursed by the state. This exclusion will produce additional aid to districts in meeting the rising cost of fuel.

GIFTED AND TALENTED FUNDING

At their November meeting, the Board of Regents will consider providing formula aid to districts to continue and expand programs for the gifted and talented which meet State guidelines or to plan new programs. Districts will be required to submit long range plans for the identification and education of their gifted students. Funds could also be used to train teachers working with the gifted and talented.

Local assistance would amount to \$7 million.

HIGH SCHOOL STANDARDS

At its September meeting, the Board of Regents approved tentative standards for the registration of high schools in the state. The major new requirement is that 85 percent of twelfth grade students in a school must meet the state's competency standards.

Mandated Services Update

On October 10, 1979, representatives of the nonpublic schools were invited to meet with members of the SED Finance Division. The meeting was to concentrate upon a review of the mechanics, discussion of mandates, and discussion of financial guidelines. Many complaints had been received regarding the parameters or guidelines. The SED was willing to discuss these parameters and revise them up until November. There is also a procedure in place and working to discuss discrepancies.

The parameters are not to be regarded as limiting amounts. Schools are to be recompensed for their actual costs. Such claims require full documentation if questioned at a later date. Since the Mandated Services process has been computerized, the parameters represent acceptable figures for a rapid review. Claims above the stated parameters will be signaled by the computer for individual review. The SED hopes to pay in February for claims submitted before December. Those submitted by February will be paid in April. It is also hoped that at the end of the school year each school will be given a final audit printout. So it is to the school's advantage to submit their claim as quickly as possible. Moreover, it is expected that the US Supreme Court will review the Mandated Services Case sometime in February.

During the discussion of the guidelines or parameters, Mr. Frank O'Connor displayed a willingness to revise the hour-allotments. His one recurring request was for an average, reasonable figure. Hence, the importance of coming to such meetings with fully documented figures. He took many time adjustments under consideration and these should be reflected in the new parameters or guidelines.

The SED legal counsel is presently reviewing the statutes and regulations to determine precisely what is mandated by the state.

This meeting provided both parties with the opportunity for a candid exchange of their different interpretations in the matter of Mandated Services.

<p>ALBANY, SYRACUSE & OGDENSBURG Bishop Scully HS, Amsterdam April 16, 1980</p> <p>NEW YORK, ROCKVILLE CENTER, BROOKLYN To Be Determined April 23, 1980</p> <p>ROCHESTER, BUFFALO Notre Dame HS, Batavia April 30, 1980</p>

The tentative standards will be under review for one year. All schools which are found to meet the standards will be given a tentative registration. Schools which are judged deficient will be given a tentative conditional registration and must develop a plan for corrective action. After June, 1980, when final standards for registration are set, all schools will again be reviewed and a final determination on their registration will be made.

NYS TESTING LAW

As a result of NYS's new "truth-in-testing" law, New York students will have fewer opportunities to take such tests as the Scholastic Aptitude Tests and will pay fees as much as \$5 more than charged in other areas of the country. The SAT will be offered three instead of eight times in NYS between January and June.

The new law requires a copy of the test to be filed as public record and that a student

receive upon request a corrected copy of his/her test.

A survey conducted by the State Education Department found that twenty of the 26 postsecondary school admissions testing programs used in the state may be withdrawn. The SED is also developing formal regulations to implement the law.

PRINCIPAL AS GIFT

Companion book to TEACHER AS GIFT, this work offers a model to aid principals in defining what it means to be an administrator in a Catholic school today. This model can be used by the individual principal, the principals' cluster and on the diocesan level to define and enrich the role of the principal, as well as being an aid in evaluating performance and problem solving.

To obtain a copy of PRINCIPAL AS GIFT, send a \$5.00 check payable to Department of Education to: Sr. Gertrude Ann Sullivan, Diocese of San Diego, PO Box 11277, San Diego, CA 92111.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

President Carter has signed the legislation creating a federal Department of Education. He has also committed his support to elevated the present Office of Nonpublic Education to a prominent position within the new Department, as well as to legislation which would insure the continued existence of such an Office for Nonpublic Education.