A Message From the President

Dear Colleagues,

It is that time of year to reflect and celebrate the goals that we have accomplished. Although this school year is coming to a close, we are also focusing on next year’s goals. There is the reorganization, budgeting, curriculum revision, summer school planning, and securing equipment. Let’s not forget the Awards Assemblies, Stepping-up ceremonies, and graduations. In addition, it seems that there’s an event almost every night that we must attend. Whew! However, the best part of this long list, is that we, as Principals, do it with class and pride. We are dedicated and committed educators who will face any challenge and work with changes to educate our students.

As President of your professional association, NYCESPA, I echo and commend the wonderful success of the events that we were able to share with you. We can look back at the professional development sessions organized by Chris Ogno (20K247) this past year. I hope you had the opportunity to attend at least one of our evening Professional Development sessions that we sponsored across the five boroughs. With the support of Yvonne Williams (11X016), our 84th Convention was universally acclaimed as one of the best. Her goal is to make next year’s convention even better. Our 85th NYCESPA Convention will be held on February 3, 2018 at the Brooklyn Marriott. Please save the date on your calendar.

We are proud to be celebrating our 85th birthday. With age comes wisdom, knowledge, and experience. This is exactly what our professional association represents. Our executive board uses its experiences with grace to plan for the constant changes we are faced with daily in the school environment. Although 85 years us an expansive time for such an amazing organization, it is also a testament to our expertise to support your professional growth.

Over the past year, I have been meeting with some of the organization’s past presidents and current officers to plan the future of our association to reinvigorate NYCESPA. I truly believe that challenges can be turned into triumph, especially when we synergize as a group. We are taking a fresh look at every aspect of NYCESPA life to ensure that it meets the needs of you – our members – in the year 2018 as it did in 1933. You will be hearing more about the revisions as we enter the next school year.

Important Information
NYCESPA’s “Principal’s Awards” should have been delivered to your school by now. Subject to availability, you can request more by emailing our Executive Director at pierre@csa-nyc.org.

Join us AAP/NYCESPA “Sail-Away” from Flushing Meadow Marina at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 23. This fantastic event includes the magical lights on Manhattan as a backdrop, a full buffet dinner, an open bar and dancing. Remember, NYCESPA and AAP members pay only $45 for the cruise and your guests pay $90. It will be our fifth co-sponsored event. We look forward to having you celebrate with us in kicking off the summer.

I wish you all the best for a most enjoyable summer.

Dr. Caraballo-Suarez
Every day, principals do their best to support their students through instructional leadership, family engagement, and creating positive environments. Though such efforts at the school level are invaluable, it’s just as critical for educators to advocate for students nationwide.

This March, nearly 200 principals from across the country did just that by attending NAESP’s 2017 National Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. The conference hosted a cross section of professional development and advocacy programming designed to help principals grow, and provided an opportunity for principals to make a difference with lawmakers by visiting congressional offices to have their voices heard.

Addressing Equity
The professional development programming featured a keynote presentation from John Jackson, CEO and president of the Schott Foundation, which focused on this year’s theme of equity, equality, and social justice. He underscored the importance of principals’ commitment to these values, saying that regardless of a student’s ethnicity or socioeconomic background, “we must provide all students the opportunity to learn.”

NAESP Urges Principals & Teachers to Act in Face of Proposed Title II Cuts
President Trump unveiled a comprehensive budget proposal on May 22 for FY 2018 and took a hatchet approach to cutting federal domestic discretionary programs -- including the entire elimination of Title II, Part A of the bipartisan Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This is once again disappointing news in the wake of a $294 million cut to the program put into place just weeks ago in the FY 2017 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

As lawmakers on Capitol Hill turn their attention to negotiating the FY 2018 budget, now is the time for every teacher and principal to let Congress know enough is enough. Stop the cuts and reject the elimination of key programs, especially those that states and school districts rely on to support teachers and principals.

Title II, Part A as reauthorized by ESSA will provide localities with unprecedented new authority to improve all aspects of education and strengthen teaching and school leadership -- in a manner that is consistent with student learning needs.

NAESP asks every teacher and principal to send a message to your members of Congress today. Urge them to stand with America’s students and educators by negotiating a spending package that funds Title II, Part A at no less than $2.295 billion or what is authorized in ESSA that is still well below pre-sequestration levels.

End-Of-Term SailAway Event
Join your colleagues and friends for the annual AAP/NYCESPA jointly sponsored SailAway from the World’s Fair Marina on Friday, June 23 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a sunset cruise with an open bar, full buffet dinner and dancing as we sail down the East River past the glorious Manhattan skyline to the Statue of Liberty. A registration form appears on page 3 of this Newsletter. Questions? Call 646-660-4883.

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Skyline Cruise leaving from the World’s Fair Marina
Join us for a fun-filled sail down the East River to the Statue of Liberty and the Manhattan skyline
A Full buffet, open bar, DJ and dancing included in the price
Celebrate the end of another school year with your friends and colleagues
Friday, June 23, 2017, 6:30 – 11:00 p.m.

Name of member: ____________________________________________________________

Name(s) of guest(s):

(1) __________________________________________________________

(2) __________________________________________________________

N.B. If your guest is a member of AAP the member charge of $45.00 applies.

Member’s school: ___________________________________ District: ______________

Principal’s e-mail address: ___________________________@schools.nyc.gov

Please register me for the End-of Year Sail Away

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Return this form with a check made payable to NYCESPA by Monday, June 12 to:
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End - Of - Year Reminders

Principal’s Awards
Principal’s Awards were mailed to NYCESPA members at their schools on May 16. If your school did not receive the awards, or needs additional awards, email pierre@csa-nyc.org.

Additional Pension Consultation
NYCESPA provides its members with an additional pension consultation to supplement those offered by CSA. You may visit ANY consultant. Submit a copy of your bill to the NYCESPA office for reimbursement. Questions? Call 646-660-4883. Reimbursement is capped at $ 150.

Mark Your Calendar!
The annual NYCESPA Welcome-Back dinner is scheduled for Thursday, September 28 at Russo’s on the Bay. In addition to getting the 2017-18 school year off to a collegial start, we will honor all NYCESPA members who retired this past school year. Mark your calendars now! A registration form will appear in the September Newsletter.

The 85th NYCESPA Convention
Saturday, February 3, 2018
The New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge
Budget your funds for this premier educational event now!

New Zone 2 Director
Angelina Martino Finnegan, Principal of Lake Hiawatha School, Lake Hiawatha, New Jersey.

As Zone 2 Director, Angela represents principals from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania on the NAESP Board of Directors. Her three-year term runs through 2020. She succeeds Dr. Melissa (Missie) Patschke from Pennsylvania.

Zone policy rotates the position among the three states. New York will choose the next Zone 2 Director for the 2020-23 term

“I am honored to represent our nation’s principals and serve as an advocate for our students, our schools, and our profession,” tweeted Angelina.

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