



MSSAA ALERT



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Welcome Back !

As we near the beginning of a new school year, the MSSAA staff wishes all our members a successful and fulfilling year. We look forward to joining with you in our program of professional development and other activities.

Memberships

All membership materials have been sent out to high schools and middle schools across the Commonwealth. Please get your registrations in as soon as possible. Bear in mind also that the savings under the multiple membership program are possible only when all registrations from a district arrive simultaneously. Anyone desiring additional registration materials should contact Jerry Silverman, who will also be happy to contact any prospective members new to the state.



... MSSAA Website!

www.mssaa.org

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Student Activities Handbook ~

Enclosed with this issue of *The Alert* is a copy of the recently published MSSAA Student Activities Handbook. MSSAA has arranged to make this book available to members at \$3.00 per single copy, \$2.50 for orders of ten or more (order form *enclosed*). This booklet should help eliminate oversights in connection with student activities, and, equally important, provides incontrovertible proof that the teacher was properly prepared for his or her duties. MSSAA hopes that many members will avail themselves of the opportunity to give advisors their own copy of this handbook.

"Memory Lane" BRICKS



The MSSAA/MIAA brick patio has been delayed so there is still time to buy a brick. It would be a great honor for those school administrators retiring this year!

MIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



MIAA DISTRICT B PRINCIPALS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE MSSAA NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE THE FINAL TWO YEARS OF A THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE MIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD CONTACT MIAA DISTRICT B CHAIR, JOHN GRACEFFA, WALTHAM HIGH SCHOOL, OR DICK NEAL AT THE MSSAA OFFICE.

Notice!

SUMMER INSTITUTE **Bullying, Harassment, and** **School Climate Session**



A compilation of working materials, which were the product of attendees at the harassment session, are now available. Apologies that copies were not available at the end of the Institute session, but be assured they will be forwarded upon request. *Please call Carol at 508/541-7997.*



Upcoming MSSAA Conferences



School Law Update ~ Attorney Robert Fraser of Stoneman, Chandler & Miller begins his MSSAA Legal Conferences for the 2001-2002 school year on Friday, September 14, 2001. The conference is limited to the first 50 registrants. For your convenience, *enclosed* you will find a registration form.

Evaluation Conference ~ Phillip Flaherty presents this popular conference on Friday, September 21, 2001 for those who are involved with the evaluation process - from observing, preparing goals, dealing with grievances to the role of the superintendent. Register early with the *enclosed* flyer.

Using Action Research to Improve Schools ~ Ralph Jaspardo, Consultant, Teachers21, will present this workshop for teachers and administrators K-12 on September 28, 2001. School faculty will focus on how to collect and use data to make informed decisions about critical school reform issues. A registration with further description is *enclosed* for those interested in attending.

2nd Annual New Assistant Principals' Conference ~ A must for the new assistant principal in the 2001-2002 school year. Guest speakers have worked at both the middle and high school levels. The conference will be held at the MSSAA office on Tuesday, October 2, 2001 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. You may register with the *enclosed* flyer.

MASSACHUSETTS PEER HELPERS' ASSOC.

Beginning & Maintaining Powerful Peer Programs ~ Wednesday, October 3, 2001 is the date to set aside for new and veteran peer advisors. This conference is packed with information that will assist your new advisor in beginning powerful peer programs for your school, as well as assist your veteran advisor with maintaining successful peer programs. Return the *enclosed* flyer via fax or mail.

All Students as High Achievers: Supporting Teachers as They Strengthen Teaching of Content Area Reading & Writing ~ This workshop, to be held on November 28, 2001, is aimed at middle school administrators and will be presented by Mary Anton-Oldenburg, Consultant for Teachers21. In this workshop, administrators will have the opportunity to explore the ways in which student reading and writing skills can be fostered across the curriculum. Registration will be forthcoming.

"It's All About Math" ~ **PRESENTED BY THE MSSAA CURRICULUM COMMITTEE** ~ A workshop designed specifically for Mathematics teachers, curriculum coordinators, school and district administrators to be held on October 4, 2001. An opportunity to learn and share. Please forward the *enclosed* flyer/registration to appropriate school personnel.

School/Police Conference ~ The MSSAA will host a school/police conference on Friday, October 5th. This conference offers members an opportunity to attend an extensive program on keeping schools safe in conjunction with local and state authorities. A detailed program will be distributed in the September Alert. Please use the *enclosed* flyer to register early.



All Students as High Achievers: Supporting Content Area Reading & Writing ~ On October 12, 2001 Mary Anton-Oldenburg, Consultant for Teachers21 will present this workshop for middle school teachers. Learn strategies and techniques to help middle school students develop the strategic reading skills necessary for effective content area reading and writing. Please register with the *enclosed* flyer.

Stories Numbers Tell: How MCAS & Other High Stakes Tests Serve Teachers & Students ~ A workshop for K-12 teachers and administrators presented by Rob Traver, Consultant for Teachers21, on October 24, 2001. Please review the *enclosed* flyer for an overview of this workshop.

Instructional Leadership ~ On November 8, 2001 the MSSAA will host this workshop presented by Patricia Grenier, Consultant for Teachers21. Principals, department heads, and curriculum leaders will explore the tenets of contemporary leadership and the connection between instructional leadership and student achievement. Registration will be forthcoming.

Teaching in a Standards-Based Classroom ~ This workshop to be presented by Teachers21 Trainer - Frank Thoms will take place November 16, 2001. This is a valuable opportunity for teachers to explore multiple approaches to strengthening classroom teaching. Please extend this opportunity to interested school faculty with the *enclosed* registration.