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**ALERT
Newsletter
will no longer
be mailed!**



Please be sure to visit the MSSAA website on the 15th of the month

The MSSAA office will be closed
FEBRUARY 18th in honor of
Presidents' Day

In case of inclement weather, please phone the
MSSAA office (508) 541-7997
after 6:15 am for schedule updates.



Annual Spring Conference April 26, 2002

James Peyser to Keynote

The MSSAA Annual Spring Conference and Awards Luncheon will take place on Friday, April 26, 2002 at the MSSAA Conference Center in Franklin. James Peyser, Chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Education, will be the keynote speaker. The preliminary program, which includes presentations by the Massachusetts Department of Education and a number of MSSAA standing committees, is appended to this issue of The Alert.

The Conference will also feature the presentation of the Holland, Fanning and Hunter Awards to the MSSAA administrators of the year, and the conferring of the MSSAA Friend of Education Award.

Register early for this conference, which will also include the Annual Business meeting, which will deal with constitutional changes and other current matters.

Massachusetts Peer Helpers' Association is presenting their 15th Annual Conference on Wednesday, March 27, 2002 at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel and Trade Center in Marlborough.



MPHA was established in 1988 and this will be their Fifteenth Annual Conference. The conference helps to promote and improve peer helping programs in our schools and communities, provides existing programs with networking opportunities for mutual assistance and support, and encourages adherence to statewide peer helping standards and ethics. Each year peer helping becomes a more vital presence in our schools and communities.



Here it comes...
the 2002 MSSAA
Membership Directory

to be mailed by March 1st!



ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE
"Keeping Schools Safe"
March 20, 2002
AP's – don't miss this informative conference
REGISTER TODAY!

ASPIRING ADMINISTRATORS' CONFERENCE
April 11, 2002
 Do you have an Aspiring Administrator on your staff? Are there future Principals or Assistant Principals? For just one day send them to the MSSAA Aspiring Administrators' Conference. It will be time well spent!

MSSAA * TEACHERS21 * MASCD
Leadership Licensure Program

MSSAA, Teachers21 and MASCD are sponsoring an innovative program to license principals/assistant principals and supervisors/directors, K-12.

The LEADERSHIP LICENSURE PROGRAM, or LLP, is a rigorous, comprehensive program built on the knowledge base on effective teaching and learning and the best practices of effective instructional and organizational leadership.

- Designed with the practicing educator in mind, the program includes summer and weekend coursework, a practicum, a performance assessment, and beginning administrator induction program.
- Curriculum modules are taught by highly skilled educational leaders. A school mentor and program supervisor support participants' work in the practicum.

The program's highly integrated approach to learning and doing and its framework for collaboration and reflection make it unique.

The LEADERSHIP LICENSURE PROGRAM begins with an orientation meeting on June 11, 2002 and concludes in May 2003.

Program information and application are available by calling MSSAA at 508.541.7997 or at www.mssaa.org/llp.html.

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A total of 76 people in the Massachusetts party are headed to Atlanta. Bill Johnson and Larry MacLean will host a Thursday night social at the hotel. Friday night's social event at the hotel will be hosted by Terry Bleiler. A Saturday night event hosted by Bill Johnson and Larry MacLean is by invitation only. Please respond if you received a notice. Monday night we will continue our tradition of taking the Johnsons to dinner. Please let Jerry Silverman know if you will attend.

2nd ANNUAL
PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT & LABOR RELATIONS CONFERENCE
 with Attorney Robert Fraser is scheduled for March 22, 2002. This conference is limited to the first 50 registrants and is particularly valuable for principals and other administrators with personnel-based duties.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

CONFERENCE

March 1, 2002

REMINDER ~

There's still room to sign up for the Student Activities Conference scheduled for Friday, March 1st.
(PLEASE READ THE REGISTRATION FORM)



CHEERLEADING

Regionals ... March 10th

Finals March 17th

MSSAA

CONGRATULATIONS

to



ALICE PFENINGER

Greater New Bedford Reg. High School
 2002 High School Principal of the Year

DR. MICHAEL CONNELLY

East Middle School, Braintree
 2002 Middle School Principal of the Year

PHYLLIS FLIBOTTE

North Shore Tech. High School, Middleton
 2002 Assistant Principal of the Year

Wellness Coordinator of the Year!

**MIAA Seeks Nominations
 for Wellness Coordinator of the Year**

Does your school Wellness Coordinator do an outstanding job promoting health and wellness? Principals will have a chance to show their appreciation at the Sixth Annual Statewide Wellness Summit, which will be held May 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Milford. The Wellness Coordinator of the Year will receive an award and recognition during the Summit.

The MIAA invites principals to nominate a Wellness Coordinator of the Year. Principals may write a letter highlighting the achievements of the individual in the school and community. Letters should be sent to:

**MIAA, Attn: Mike Kane
 33 Forge Parkway
 Franklin, MA 02038**

or

E-mail to sjuba@miaa.net

Letters must be received by April 19

Principals and Wellness Coordinators should be on the lookout for a brochure about the event. The annual conference is designed to help MIAA schools provide a comprehensive approach to wellness. Teams of two participants are invited to consider new directions, build on the perspectives of the guest speakers, and create an action plan to fight tobacco, alcohol, drug abuse and other issues that impact young people. Suggested participants include the principal and Wellness Coordinator, but teams may be expanded at any school's request.

Large and small group sessions will give each district team the encouragement, tools and resources needed to continue local efforts. Registration for each team member includes continental breakfast, lunch and conference materials. Further information will be forthcoming in a mailing to schools.