

CASDA *Preview*

Capital Area School Development Association

2007-08

Leadership in responding to today's educational challenges and opportunities

The Capital Area School Development Association is a study council affiliated with the School of Education at The University at Albany, State University of New York. Incorporated by the State Education Department of the University of the State of New York in 1949, it is one of the oldest study councils in the United States. CASDA has a current membership of 116 school districts, public and private.

The fundamental purpose of CASDA is to serve as a cooperative planning and development unit through which affiliated schools and educational agencies may more effectively define and fulfill their purposes and functions in serving the educational needs of their communities. CASDA also strives to promote cooperative interaction between The University at Albany and the affiliated school districts.

CASDA is uniquely equipped to provide opportunities for all members of school communities to assist them in ongoing staff development.

Personnel from affiliated schools attend programs to increase their skills, awareness and understanding, ultimately increasing student learning and performance.

Summer Opportunities

**Teacher Evaluation for Improved Professional Practice
Certified Charlotte Danielson Instruction**
Wednesday-Thursday, July 18-19, 2007
CASDA Conference Room

2nd Annual Mel Osterman School Law Conference
Thursday, August 2, 2007
The Desmond Hotel & Conference Center, Albany

School Nutrition Conference for Food Service Directors and Staff
Tuesday, August 28, 2007
Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery BOCES, Johnstown, NY

NEW ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS

CASDA is pleased to introduce a comprehensive, web-based platform that offers **on-demand e-learning courses** in a diverse assortment of educational topics produced by nationally acclaimed educators.

The KDS online classroom hosts dynamic courses consisting of video and audio-based lectures with synchronized PowerPoint slideshows. The intuitive interface incorporates **intercommunication, built-in assessment activities and evaluation features**, along with **discussion forums** that allow teachers to engage in interactive, topic-specific dialogs about the courses in which they participate. The system also integrates a unique management system to provide **instant accountability and tracking** for administrators.



KDS

**COMING
SOON**

JOIN CASDA TODAY

CASDA rates are based on student enrollment in a school district.

SAVE WITH PRE-REGISTRATION

CASDA member schools get one **free** full-day conference slot with every ten slots purchased with a membership. Full-day conference registration is \$99. Save \$99 or more by pre-purchasing conference registrations. Reserve conference slots for later in the budget year. See membership invoice and letter for complete details.

CASDA Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner

Thursday, April 3, 2008
Italian American Community Center
Washington Ave. Ext., Albany

Scholars' Recognition Dinner

Wednesday, April 30, 2008
Desmond Hotel, Albany

Full Day Conferences 2007-08

Music Educators' Conference
Thursday, October 4, 2007 - Century House, Latham

Teaching Assistants' Conference, Mohawk Valley Region
Friday, October 5, 2007 - HFM BOCES, Johnstown

Transitions Conference: Student Success During the Transition Years
Three featured tracks: ■ middle to high school, ■ high school to college or employment and ■ special needs
February 2008

Teaching Assistants' Conference, Capital District
Friday, March 28, 2008 - Italian American Community Center, Albany

Conference for Library Media Specialists and Administrators
Friday, April 4, 2008

Potential Administrators' Conference
Friday, April 25, 2008

Educational Office Professionals' Conference
Monday, June 30, 2008

58th Annual Operations & Maintenance Conference
Tuesday, July 1, 2008

DON'T MISS A CASDA OPPORTUNITY ♦ UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE

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Publications (*free to affiliates*)

- **Annual Financial & Statistical Survey** (December)
- **Insights** CASDA newsletter (with Spotlight on Research)
- **F.Y.I.:** A CASDA Executive Committee Email Summary for Superintendents
- **A View from the Inside** (Select Seminar Reports)
- **Catalyst for Change** (publication of the National School Development Council)
- **School Law Conference Proceedings** (available upon request)

Select Seminar

A professional development five-day forum to address major issues in education. Recent topics include **School Leadership, Developing Teachers for the 21st Century, Together We Can: Collaborative School and Community Leadership,** and **Challenges and Opportunities of No Child Left Behind (NCLB).**

School Board Institutes

Programs designed for school board members (cost for dinner only). Featured programs this year included **Collaborative School and Community Leadership, How BOCES Contributes to Student Success,** and **Dealing with Crisis Management.**

Support Staff

Since its establishment in 1949, the Capital Area School Development Association has continuously provided programming for school support staff. The meetings are facilitated by CASDA and planned by each group to meet their changing needs.

CASDA membership entitles a school's staff to attend CASDA workshops and conferences at a reduced rate. The school district is billed for the number of participants per meeting that are registered. Fees vary depending on location and meeting sponsorship.

School Transportation Supervisors

(Capital Area Chapter of the New York Association for Pupil Transportation) meet monthly on Thursdays at the Italian American Community Center in Albany.

Supervisors of School Buildings & Grounds

(Capital District Chapter of the New York Association for Superintendents of School Buildings and Grounds) meet monthly on Wednesdays at variable locations.

School Foodservice Directors and Supervisors meet on Tuesdays for various workshops, demonstrations, and field trips at variable locations.

Head Bus Mechanics

(New York Capital Area Chapter of the Head Mechanics Association for Safe Pupil Transportation)

- ♦ **Greater Capital Region Principals' Center**
- ♦ **Capital District Association for Women in Administration (CDAWA)**
- ♦ **School Business Officials**

Three chapters coordinated by CASDA to, respectively, meet the needs of principals in the region; to promote an educational system where leadership is gender-balanced and schools are a beacon for gender-equity; and to support financial leadership in managing resources with expertise and high ethical standards.

Principals' Center Series

The Greater Capital Region Principals' Center was established in 1985 to be a clearinghouse for those organizations with common interests in promoting school leadership capacity. Designed as "an oasis of training for the improvement and renewal of leadership skills and energies," the Center provides the opportunity to meet in a collegial atmosphere and to share, in a supportive way, the skills and practices that have proven successful in the school setting.

Principals' Luncheon Series

Meetings offered twice during the school year for administrators in each group; elementary, middle school, high school, assistant elementary, assistant secondary, K-12 curriculum coordinators.

Seminar Series for New Principals and New Assistant Principals

This five-part series offers the expertise of experienced school leaders, the opportunity to network with colleagues, and is intended to support and encourage new school leaders. Topics include **Leadership, Evaluation, Communication, Organization, and Accountability.**

Research Connections with the University at Albany

- **Study council affiliated with the School of Education**
- **Research presentations available for groups upon request**

On-Site Staff Development Opportunities

CASDA will bring its research-based and cutting edge best practices to you!

On-site opportunities for staff development provide individual districts and cohorts of districts local, easy access to the expertise that CASDA has to offer. The study council offers locally designed short-term and long-term commitments to schools on a wide variety of topics at an affordable price.

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