



CABE

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To: CABE Member Board Chairs and Superintendents
From: Elaine Whitney, Vice President for Professional Development, CABE
Re: Student Attendance at the CABE/CAPSS Convention

I am happy to be able to invite you to send two or three of your district's high school students to the CABE/CAPSS Convention on Saturday, November 15.

Attending this valuable event will give your students a unique perspective about the challenges facing our system of public education. Not only will they spend the day with their peers, and attend workshops designed specifically for student leaders, but they will also connect with educational leaders from around Connecticut. They will make valuable connections to what they've learned in social studies, civics and history courses and they will expand their skill set for activities common in many if not most Connecticut high schools, e.g., Model Congress and Youth in Government.

They will get to hear our Saturday morning General Session speaker **Bill Daggett**, attend workshop sessions specifically developed for student board of education representatives, sit in on additional workshops, enjoy lunch and the Saturday lunch panel.

Here are just a few of those additional workshops:

- Mental Health Needs of Students: Risks, Evaluations and Response
- Connecting School Culture, Facility Safety and School Security
- Supporting Technology Initiatives in Your District

If your school board does not have student representatives, ask your high school principal(s) to identify students who would benefit from this experience.

Our students have a way of making us proud when they participate in this kind of event. The half-day format provides for minimal disruption to their busy lives – or to the better part of their weekend. And the price is right – the \$40 fee covers the cost of lunch.

I hope you'll promote this opportunity in your district with enthusiasm.

Please take a look at the enclosed Convention schedule and complete the registration form below. Don't hesitate to call 860-571-7446 or 800-317-0033 to speak with Lisa Steimer (lsteimer@cabe.org) or Patrice McCarthy (pmccarthy@cabe.org) if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you at the Convention!



Student Registration

November 2014 CABE/CAPSS Convention • Mystic Marriott Hotel, Groton • Saturday, November 15, 2014

Name of Student(s) _____

High School _____ School District _____

Fee: \$40 per student.

Payment – Check payable to CABE enclosed. P.O. # _____

If you wish to pay by credit card, please go to the CABE website (www.cabe.org/page.cfm?p=110) and register online. Credit cards **CANNOT** be accepted by phone or fax.

(Saturday Schedule on reverse side)

Saturday, November 15, 2014 • Student Program

Morning General Session 8:30 - 9:30 am

Bill Daggett, Founder and Chairman of the International Center for Leadership in Education, is recognized worldwide for his proven ability to move preK-12 education systems towards more rigorous and relevant skills and knowledge for *all* students.

First Student Session 9:35 – 10:45 am

Student Representatives on Boards of Education: Policy into Practice

This workshop is designed for students from across the state to better understand the roles and responsibilities of being a student representative to their Board of Education and how their voice can impact decisions that affect all student in their district.

Facilitator: **Eileen Baker**, Board Member, Old Saybrook Board of Education; Associate Director, CABE

Second Student Session 11:05 am – 12:00 pm

Let's Think About Thinking. . .

In this facilitated session, students will be introduced to a problem solving technique used to look at issues in their school and/or community from multiple perspectives. This tool takes the “ego” out of thinking and allows for objective and comprehensive consideration of the issue. After participating in the session, students will have knowledge of, and practice with, the problem solving technique, equipping them to replicate the process at their high school and beyond.

Presenters: **Maria A. Carrillo-Huerta**, Independent Consultant
Nicole M. Vitale, Education Services Specialist, SERC