



For we dare not stand idly by

NASSP Convention February 27-March 1, 2009 San Diego, CA

**MASSP Assistant Principals' Conference October 21, 2008
Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab Howard County**

**MASSP ISLLC TEST PREP November 1 and November 8, 2008
Reservoir High School Howard County**

**WHY TRY? WORKSHOP
November 12, 2008 Columbia, MD**

MASSP Spring Conference March 19-21, 2009 Ocean City, MD



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MASSP OFFICERS ATTEND NATIONAL LEADERS' CONFERENCE

On July 23-26, 2008 MASSP President Tom Evans, President-elect Dr. Christine Handy-Collins, NASSP Coordinator Tony Thompson, and MASSP Executive Director Gene Streagle attended the NASSP/NAESP National Leaders' Conference in Washington D.C. Each state sent similar teams from their elementary association and secondary association. On Thursday, July 24 we joined our colleagues from the Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals and visited the offices of each of our Congressional delegation and our two senators.

We were able to meet directly with Senator Cardin, Representative Van Hollen, Representative Edwards and Representative Gilchrest and with the staff of the remaining elected officials. The main thing we learned was that the current version of the Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA), otherwise known as NCLB, will not be reauthorized in this session. Anything to do with education will not be acted on until at least February 2009 after the new president is sworn in. Unfortunately, education legislation does not appear to be a high priority.

Even though we know there will be no action until that time we were delighted to learn about the positive things each Maryland office had to say about support of education. During our visits we encouraged these members of Congress to provide adequate funding levels for Title I, the School Leadership Program, special education, Striving Readers and other literacy programs, and professional development for principals when determining the Fiscal Year 2009 appropriations.

Some of our discussion points were:

- Require states and districts to provide high quality professional development specifically designed for principals, beginning with mentoring in the early years and continuing throughout their careers
 - Allow the use of multiple assessments (including progress toward IEP goals by students with disabilities) and multiple opportunities to retake the assessment to be a factor in gauging school success
 - Allow for English language learners to develop English proficiency before their test scores are counted in determining student or school success
 - Allow for students with disabilities to be tested on the grade level recommended by each student's IEP team, using assessments chosen by the IEP team
- Allow for the national graduation rate to be extended to within five years of graduation of entering high school, and allow for students with disabilities who complete high school before age 21 to be counted as graduates

In addition to the specifics mentioned above we were able to share our views with the delegation on the following pieces of pending legislation:

- Investment in Quality School Leadership Act- House Resolution 1156
- Striving Readers Act- House Resolution 2289 and Senate Bill 958
- Graduation Promise Act – House Resolution 2928 and Senate Bill 1185
- Success in the Middle Act- House Resolution 3406 and Senate Bill 2227
- * Title I Regulation on National Graduation Rate

MASSP ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE

The Many Hats of the Assistant Principal
 October 21, 2008
 Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory
 Route 29 Howard County

- 8:00 A.M.– 8:30 A.M. Registration and Breakfast
- 8:30 A.M.-9:30 A.M. Welcome Mr. Tom Evans, president MASSP
- Opening Session featuring
 Ms. Mary Cary, Assistant Superintendent, MSDE
 Dr. Jim Foran,
- Remarks Hon. Anthony Brown, Lt. Governor
- 9:45 A.M.-12:35 P.M. Breakout Sessions
- 12:45 P.M.-2:00 P.M. Lunch
- Announcement of 2008 Maryland AP of the Year

ROOM	9:45-10:35	10:45-11:35	11:45-12:35
1	Culture of Poverty Iona Spikes	Cultural Proficiency John Krownapple	Drumbeat to a Different Learner Dr. Huntley Cross
2	Building Relationships Frank Eastham	NASSP Assistant Principal Task Force Pete Reed, NASSP	Assistant Principal as Change Agent Jen Clements
3	K-8 Instructional Continuum & Initiatives Ilene Swirnow, MSDE Paul Dunford, MSDE	Instructional Leadership and the Assistant Principal Gene Streagle	Time Management Dr. Richard Hupper
4	Courageous Conversations Patrice Brown	Trials and Tribulations of the Assistant Principal Panel of Assistant Principals	Staff Portfolios as a P.D. Tool Betty Mull

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**WHY TRY?
 A ONE DAY DRIVE-IN WORKSHOP
 COLUMBIA, MD
 NOVEMBER 12, 2008
 8:30 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.
 \$90 includes breakfast, lunch and materials**

Why Try?

Innovative interventions that provide hope and motivate youth to overcome poverty, violence and failure. The presentation will provide the audience with tools to help youth answer the question, "Why try in life?" Christian Moore will walk the audience through several practical methods to teach emotional intelligence and important life skills such as: anger management, problem solving, overcoming peer pressure, keeping laws and rules, building support systems, and having a vision of their future. This workshop will emphasize a strength-based approach to helping youth overcome their challenges using "multiple intelligence" methods that emphasize the youths' learning styles, including visual analogies (pictures), music, and hands-on activities, to teach youth in ways that they will understand and remember.

What will participants learn from this session?:

- How to empower youth overcome poverty, violence and failure
- How youth can take the challenges they face in life and channel them in a positive direction.
- How to help youth build a positive support system
- The Counselor's power to promote positive change in an at-risk individual's life

Christian's Biography

Christian Moore is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and has an M.S.W. from Brigham Young University. He has several years experience working with at risk youth, including work as a school counselor at an alternative high school, as a counselor with the Utah State Department of Youth Corrections, and as a youth outpatient therapist at a community mental health agency specializing in adolescents with conduct disorder and learning disabilities. He is the Founder of the WhyTry Organization, and has lead the development of an at-risk program, "The WhyTry Program," that is used by over 500 school districts nationwide. The program is also used by several private and public mental health agencies, group homes, and youth detention centers.

Additional Information at www.whytry.org- TAKE A LOOK!!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION at www.md-massp.org

Teacher Working Conditions Survey

As you are probably aware, Governor O'Malley has stated his interest in conducting a survey of teachers, administrators, students, and parents concerning Maryland public schools. The survey is to be patterned after the North Carolina survey which is entitled, "Teacher Working Conditions Initiative". I would suggest that you go to the website <http://ncteachingconditions.org> for specific information. MASSP has seven members serving of the four committees that have been formed to study the implementation of this type of survey in Maryland. Serving on the committees are: Mr. Donald Lilley, principal of Annapolis High School; Ms Kimberly Dolch, principal of North Carroll High School; Ms Patricia Walling, principal of Havre deGrace High School; Mr. Vaughn Evans, principal of North Dorchester High School; Mr. Robert Motley, principal of Patuxent Valley Middle School; Dr. Christine Handy-Collins, principal of Gaithersburg High School; and Richard McNeal, principal of Queen Anne's County High School. In addition, Mr. Tom Evans, president of MASSP and the principal of Eastern Tech High School and Gene Streagle, Executive Director of MASSP will serve on the Steering Committee.