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From the President

Mason Bryan

As you are reading this issue of *The Informer*, summer will be in full swing, which means it will not be long before a new school year is upon us. Transitions are ever present and always among us. Whether we transition from minute to minute, day to day, week to week, month to month, or year to year; it is a fact that it will happen. We all hope these transitions go smoothly. However, I learned a long time ago, that it is with effort, not ease, we grow strong. Since it is summertime in July, maybe some of you weeded in your garden or yard today. It is not by choice that weeds choose places to plant their roots. It just happens. For weeds to survive and sprout through the ground; they fight for every inch of soil. Then all of a sudden they bloom. What magnificent beauty! One may think how do weeds grow in spots where other plants can't grow? Persistence! If they want to survive they do what they can to make it happen. When you pull the weeds, notice the hardness of the dirt they are grounded in and the difficulty it is to pull them out. There is a hidden message here for all of us to observe.

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OAASFEP/NAFEPA RECALCULATING

Dr. Everett Mann

As we finish this school year, I believe many of us who work in state and federal programs may feel that we are recalculating.

Let me share with you some reasons why I believe this may be true.

1. Despite many starts, it is not likely ESEA will be reauthorized this year.
2. Stimulus funds are running out and there are no funding sources to replace them.
3. Basic aid and formula state and federal funds for education are down in many programs and the outlook two to three years out is not very promising.

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2010 OAASFEP Fall Coordinators Conference

October 13-15, 2010



Bill Bogner
Conference Facilitator

Questions, questions, and questions on ARRA, ESEA/NCLB, IDEA and CCIP?

Come and get your answers at the 2010 OAASFEP Fall Coordinators Conference! This valuable continuous learning experience for coordinators of Title I and other federal programs will again be held at the Hyatt Regency Convention Center, Columbus on October 13-15, 2010. All coordinators, administrators, and treasurers who administer Title I, ARRA, IDEA-B or other federal programs included in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (ESEA) and IDEA will find this conference to be very helpful and informative for them. **It is essential for the new coordinator!** A full two-day program will provide the vital information needed to organize and manage successful Title I and other federal programs that will impact student achievement for all students.

The Planning Committee has invited four outstanding keynote presenters including the Assistant Secretary of Education from the US Office of Education, Dr. Thelma Melendez de Santa Ana, Dr. Joseph Murphy from Vanderbilt University, Leigh Manasevit and Dr. Anthony Muhammad. **Again, this year preconference events on Wednesday afternoon, October 13th will include a “Homeless Education workshop”, a parent engagement workshop, and the “The Academy for Novice Coordinators”.** This academy begins the “New Coordinators Strand” with four follow-up breakout sessions on Thursday and Friday. **These are critical for the new or inexperienced coordinator of Title I and other federal programs.** The conference format has over 30 learning or breakout sessions for participants to select four specific sessions to meet their personal learning needs.

Good news....no price increase! Due to the hard economic conditions facing most school districts, OAASFEP has decided not to increase any of the registration fees for the 2010 Fall Conference or the 2011 Spring Conference!

As with all OAASFEP conferences, there will again be pre-registration for all learning sessions using the “Conference Planner” found on the OAASFEP website (mid-August). Conference registration packets will be mailed to all superintendents, treasurers, CCIP contacts, and OAASFEP members by mid-August. In addition, on-line registration can be done at this website in mid August as well: www.oasfep.net Hope you can join us at this important conference...learning is continuous for all leaders! ♦

Legislative Update, July 2010

Jeremy Marks, Federal Legislative Liaison/ODE Stimulus Manager

The November elections are just around the corner, which means that politics get even more prevalent when determining what bills are put on the legislative calendar at both the state and federal levels.

On the federal side, the electorate's concern for the mounting deficit is resonating and Congressional leadership is cautious to vote on any non-essential spending bills, including education-related bills, until after the election. On the flip side, the minority party is cautious to give any "legislative wins" to the majority party on any reauthorization bills, even if the issues appear to be bipartisan. Given the political dynamics, I believe it is highly unlikely that there will be significant federal education-related legislation enacted this summer, with the exception of a possible "education jobs bill" and reauthorization of the child nutrition programs.

FY11 Budget Resolution and Ed Jobs Bill

At the time of writing this article (July 1), Congress is in the midst of trying to pass HR 4899, the fiscal year (FY) 2010 War Supplemental Funding bill, which supports our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The House is planning a vote on this before the July 4th recess.

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4. NAFEPA has been approached to work with the Office of Inspector General and the Association of Educational Federal Financial Administrators on grants management.
5. OAASFEP is taking on greater responsibility in providing state and federal programs professional development.
6. Direction of legislative leadership in education is uncertain due to the unpredictability of this fall's November elections at state and federal levels.

The next two quarters should provide some direction for FY12. Be a part of the process and contact your state and federal legislators on education issues while they are home in your district this summer. ♦

Everett Mann
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From the President from page 1

Generally speaking, many shy from problems. It is easier to ignore them than to deal with them. However, as with the weed, the persistence of going through growth changes, yielded a magnificent creation. As educators, we have often tried to create the perfect program, the ideal lesson, and or sustained growth from value added. These are not easy tasks. Sometimes our efforts have failed and some have been successful. The effort expended may not equal the results; however each step is a transition in creating a new combination of success. One thing for sure, strength will be increased, and in the words of Gene Wilder's character, Willy Wonka, a little wiser for the wear.

So we begin a new transition and as this school year begins, it begins with the unknowns of how budget cuts will affect us, will the economy reap a sizable turnaround, and what will reauthorization look like? How difficult will the problems be or hard the soil where our problems are rooted? All these and more are spinning in our heads as we continue to figure what amounts we have and how we will make do with what many have observed, decreasingly allocated federal funds. With persistence, we will prevail. Remain strong and of good courage and for respite join us at our conference to see how they are tackling their gardening. Though we have tough times ahead of us with unknowns, we are here for you. We are your stability, your professional growth agent, and your support.

Every four years we observe a new inaugural address by the newly elected President of the United States. For our organization it happens every year. Though I do not plan on writing a speech as long as those, I would like to pause for a moment to reflect on our past president, Ken Ferlito. Ken did a fantastic job running our organization during his tenure as president. I wish you all could have had the opportunity that I have experienced in working with Ken. Not only is he well liked; He is funny, witty, and above all, a down to earth family man. I appreciated every moment I could spend, learning this position from him. I only hope my tenure as president will yield as much growth as his did. We thank him for all of his hard work and efforts for our organization.

It will not be long before we convene our fall conference. It will be held on October 13-15 at the Hyatt Regency. It is planned to have an outstanding line-up of guest speakers and presenters. Our organization's conference planning committee, along with our conference facilitator Bill Bogner, has worked hard to put this program together. I look forward to meeting all of you at the conference. You won't want to miss it. Look for online registration at our website, www.aaasfep.net in August.

I thank all my predecessors, as well as the current board, for creating and sustaining this wonderful organization. It is truly a pleasure to serve them and you our members. Have a great start to the school year! ♦

Mason Bryan
AAASFEP President



*Mason Bryan,
AAASFEP President*

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Of particular importance to the education community are two possible and probable amendments to HR 4899: 1) FY 2011 budget resolution (BR) that will trim the President's budget proposal by up to \$7 billion in discretionary spending. BRs are non-binding but do lay the ground work for how much funding each appropriations committee has to spend on the programs under its jurisdiction. At this time, it is unclear if the proposed cuts in the BR will impact education. 2) an "education jobs fund" to support local education agencies to hire and retain school personnel.

Once the House approves the war supplement, it must go to the Senate for concurrence and it is unknown how the Senate will react. One thing that is certain is the Senate will not vote on the measure until after the July 4th recess. Coincidentally, an attempt to attach "an education jobs fund" to the Senate's version of the war supplement failed back in May. At that time, the Senate was debating a \$23 billion education jobs fund, but the House has since reduced it to \$10 billion (and there are rumblings that it may be down to \$8 billion when it hits the floor). In an effort to find the funds to support the education jobs fund without increasing spending (adding to the deficit), a House amendment will be offered that places "recessions" on previously funded education and non-education programs. For instance, the amendment calls for \$800 million in education recessions for programs such as unobligated stimulus programs for the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) and charter schools. It will also reduce the amount of funding for the Race to the Top (RTTT) program by \$500 million.

Reauthorizations

Few, if any, education-related reauthorization bills will be approved by Congress before the elections, yet both houses have been busy working on several of them. The reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) is a key priority for the Administration and both the House and Senate education committees have held several hearings. The House education staff is continuing to solicit feedback and have started to draft legislative language. During the earlier committee hearings and feedback process, there were concerns raised on several issues, including but not limited to, the focus and definitions related to school turnaround; the criteria of effective educators and the makeup of evaluations; and a shifting of some of the grants from a formula to a competitive process. While it is unlikely that ESEA reauthorization will be completed this year, the chairmen of both the House and Senate education committees are still publicly expressing hope to get it done.

Similarly, the Child Nutrition Act (CNA) is a priority for the Administration. Both the House and Senate committees are starting to work off of comprehensive bills. In fact, the Senate committee approved S. 3307 (Healthy and Hunger-Free Kids Act) and the House committee chair has introduced HR 5504 (Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act). Compared to other legislative initiatives, it is likely that Congress will approve a comprehensive reauthorization of CNA, in a bipartisan fashion, later this summer.

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at the
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Another education-related measure that has a chance of being reauthorized this year is the America COMPETES Act, which authorizes billion of dollars in funding for basic research and education programs related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects. In late May, the House approved, by a vote of 262-150, HR 5116. The Senate is set to take up the measure but there have been delays due to concerns on the cost of the bill given the economic climate.

State Activity

If you think the federal legislative calendar has been slow during this “political season”, it has nearly come to a stop on the state side. After all, “politics is local.” While it is always subject to change, don’t expect the state legislature to meet until after Labor Day, and possibly until after the November elections. Even before the summer, there was not much substantive movement (passing both chambers) on any education-related legislation. However, recently, the General Assembly approved, and the Governor signed into law, SB 210 (R-Coughlin and D-Kearney), which contains among other provisions, the following:

- Establishes a Healthy Choices for Healthy Children Council to make policy recommendations regarding ways to improve nutritional standards
- Requires ODE to issue an annual report on the compliance of public and charter nonpublic schools with the requirement to provide body mass index (BMI) screenings.
- Requires the State Board of Education to establish a report card indicator that measures student success in meeting physical education standards, local wellness policy standards, whether a school is compliant with BMI screening requirements and whether a school is participating in a physical activity pilot program
- Establishes nutrition standards for foods and beverages sold as “a la carte” items in schools. ♦

Speakers for the 2010 Fall Conference



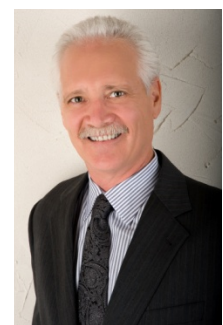
Dr. Anthony Muhammad



Dr. Joseph Murphy



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Announcing...
2011 OAASFEP Title I/Federal Programs Spring Conference
Looking Within To Reach Beyond

March 30-April 1, 2011 at The Hyatt Regency Convention Center, Columbus Ohio

This highly successful learning event will again feature many nationally known educators as keynote or workshop presenters including:

Keynoters:

Mike Artell – Children’s Author & Musician
Dr. Katie Wood Ray – Writer/Author & Researcher
Beth Swenson – Literacy Collaborative Trainer
Ken Williams – Author & Breakthrough Coach

Featured Workshops:

Dr. Linda Dorn – K-3 Reading/Literacy
Dr. Timothy Rasinski – 3-8 Reading
Jeff Anderson – 3-9 Writing
Matt Kuhn – K-12 Mathematics
Dr. Marilyn Friend – Students with Disabilities & At-Risk
Dr. Sandra P. Mercuri - ESL
Dr. Joseph F. Johnson – School Improvement
Dr. Nancy E. Hill – Parent Engagement
Leigh Manasevit – Continuous Coordinator Learning

The preconference event, OAASFEP Administrators and Coordinators Workshop on Wednesday, March 30th will feature the following keynote presenters:

Dr. Arne Duncan – Secretary of Education, US Office of Education (Invited)
Dr. Cynthia A. Lemmerman – Associate Superintendent, ODE
Leigh Manasevit – Washington, DC
Dr. Joseph Johnson – National Center for Urban School Reform, San Diego

Mark your calendars now for this big event! Registration packets and online information will become available in mid December.

Call for Presenters –2011 Spring Conference

OAASFEP is looking for some excellent learning session presentations for the 2011 OAASFEP Title I/Federal Programs Spring Conference, March 20-April 1, 2011. Many teachers, coaches, principals and other educator, from across Ohio, are doing outstanding work every day for the children they teach. It is important to share these successful strategies, new programs, or approaches with others. Are you interested in sharing? Or can you nominate a teacher, a group of teachers, or a school team to share their talents and successes at this conference? Each presenter will be rewarded a \$100 discount on their conference registration fee. Please download, complete and submit the Call for Presenters form from this link.

<http://www.oaasfep.net/Conferences/Assets/2011CallforPresenters.pdf>

Some of the Speakers for the 2011 Spring Conference!
Join us March 30-April 1, 2011



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