

## President's Message - Spring 2006 (5/2/2006)

Happy spring to all! I hope that the weather will cooperate and finally realize that it **is** spring! The CBEA Board has been meeting monthly since December to plan nine informative, interesting sessions for you. We hope you have your calendars marked for Wednesday, October 18, 2006. We will be at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell again this year. They have been very accommodating to us, and it is centrally located. At last year's conference, many members mentioned that it was very easy to get to the conference center.

Some of the topics for this year's conference sessions include entrepreneurship, personalities in the workplace, and lessons for mainstreamed students in the computer classroom. Our keynote speaker is well known to many who have used her textbooks over the years. I don't want to give you any more clues! You'll have to come to the conference and find out for yourselves! Don't forget—Perkins money is available for substitute teachers. If your school system receives Perkins money, you should look into it.

Now that most schools have gone through course selections for next year, I hope that your department's numbers will increase. We are awaiting our numbers at Southington High School. Our new Personal Finance course has been very successful. Offering two levels of it has been helpful. We have to compete with so many other electives, not to mention courses students will be required to take if they do not meet proficiency on their CAPT tests. I am **really happy** that those are over!

The Connecticut DECA state competition held on March 13 was very successful. Many students will be representing their high school DECA Chapters at the international competition in Dallas on April 28 through May 3. FBLA state competition will take place on Monday, April 10. Good luck to all of your competitors!

You will be receiving our conference flyer in a few months. So keep an eye on the mail, and let us know as soon as possible what sessions are of interest to you. We hope you can join us on October 18. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Don't forget: If you have any suggestions, ideas, or concerns, feel free to contact me at [cdabrowski@southingtonschools.org](mailto:cdabrowski@southingtonschools.org).

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