

# Lawrence High School Faculty Learns Corporation Physics Process

John O'Hara, a Kearny High School Physics teacher, along with ten students from his physics class, presented the Corporation Physics process to more than 100 teachers in Lawrence High School, in Lawrenceville, NJ, recently. Accompanying Mr. O'Hara was another member of the science department, Carol Lagerstrom. Carol's son, Steven, was among the student facilitators who instructed the faculty in Corporation Physics.

The Lawrence Board of Education first heard of Corporation Physics through their superintendent who attended the NJ Education Summit where Mr. O'Hara and the students presented the Corporation Physics process in November. Shortly thereafter, the principal of Lawrence High School, Anthony Watson, contacted Mr. O'Hara.

The students were asked to demonstrate how Corporation Physics could be applied to any discipline. Following a 40 minute introduction of the Corporation Learning process presented by Mr. O'Hara, the students instructed the teachers to sit with

their respective departments and each student facilitator assisted the teachers in understanding the corporation learning process. Student facilitators included Alex Gonzalez, Diana Braga, Nelson Fiore, Antonious Attallah, Steven Lagerstrom, Allison Roessler, Devon Tutak, Francis Pollock, Vrunda Bhavsar, Anita Cammano, and Xing Gao. The program lasted two hours.

At the conclusion of the program, Mr. O'Hara asked the teachers to complete an evaluation form for the in-service. Seventy-five percent of the faculty felt the process would be effective in their discipline and plan to try CL. Eighty-six percent said they learned something from the presentation and 89% would recommend CL to other districts.

A few weeks ago, Randy Swan and Judy Young, two teachers from the Scotch Plains/Fanwood Science Department visited Mr. O'Hara to learn how CP works and they are planning to implement it into their Earth Science and Chemistry classes. Mr. O'Hara and his students have been invited by John Crews, the

assistant superintendent of the Scotch Plains/Fanwood School District, to in-service the faculty on April 20. He said the faculty is interested in the Corporation Learning process. They are conducting a Best Practices Workshop and would like to include Corporation Physics in the workshop. In June 1996, Corporation Physics received a Best Practice Award from the NJ Department of Education. Corporation Physics will also be showcased at Camden County Junior College on May 4 and will be presented at a faculty training workshop for the Cumberland Regional School District on May 29.