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Dear Local President:

I am pleased to invite you and your members to participate in the NYSUT Nassau Regional Office's "Summer School Workshop Series." This is the first year for this program and we hope it will be successful in providing locals with meaningful training opportunities in a more cost effective and convenient manner. As the challenges we face mount, the need for additional training increases accordingly and it seems appropriate to utilize the summer months to augment our regular training schedule.

During July and August we will offer a series of workshops at the Nassau Regional Office. Members can participate in one or more of these. While some of the workshops will deal with traditional training subjects, all of them will incorporate themes related to increasing member engagement and strengthening the internal capacity of locals. Each session will run for two or three hours, either in the morning or afternoon. The presenters will be NYSUT regional or headquarters staff, as well as staff from our national affiliates.

Please take note of the program scheduled for August 9th, entitled "Certification Day." The first portion will provide a workshop/overview of certification issues. The second portion will be an opportunity for individuals to schedule one-on-one appointments with a specialist from NYSUT Headquarters. A separate flyer for this workshop is included.

Included in this mailing is a registration form which you can copy. Please return a **separate registration form for each participant**. Registration forms should be returned to Diane Fazio at the Nassau regional office either by regular mail, email ([dfazio@nysutmail.org](mailto:dfazio@nysutmail.org)) or fax (516-921-2964) **no later than July 1, 2016**.

**NOTE:** Workshops with insufficient enrollment may be canceled. If that is necessary, members who signed up for a canceled workshop will be offered the opportunity to take that same workshop at the Suffolk regional office on a different date, if that workshop is being offered in Suffolk

In addition to our "summer school" course offerings, the Nassau Regional Office staff will be working with individual locals this summer on goal setting and strategic planning. Clearly, the time for locals to set goals and plan how to achieve them is **before** the new academic year begins, not halfway through it. Your LRS will be in touch with you to schedule a meeting with you and your leadership team to begin this process.

To help you in planning your calendar, I will soon send you a schedule of all the workshops that will be offered by the regional office throughout the 2016-17 year.

The regional office staff is committed to providing everything necessary to ensure your local is as strong as possible and prepared to confront the many challenges and opportunities ahead. We hope many of you and many of your members are able to take advantage of these offerings.

In solidarity,

Matt Jacobs

Regional Staff Director

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