



January 21, 2010

Dear Delegate,

I hope you found the *November Update* and *January Update* informative. If you did not receive them please let Robin know so she can add your email address to the list. They were sent out via "NYSCEA delegates communication resource for organizations and SED staff." <NYSCEADELE@listserv.nysed.gov>.

If you have not registered with Robin Wheeler yet please do so as soon as you can. You can either e mail her at Robin Wheeler <robinjw@nycap.rr.com> or write her at 559 Hudson River Road, Waterford NY 12188. A reminder that we will be at the Holiday Inn on 205 Wolf Road.. There phone number is 518-458-7250. Our meeting will be in the Phoenix Ballroom which is on the left side of the main hotel entrance. Our registration begins at 8:00 am.

The agenda is confirmed and is part of this letter as well as attached as a document. Please bring the agenda to the meeting. In the morning we are fortunate to have updates from both Larry Paska and Howard Goldsmith on the technology and CTE plans. John Brock will inform us about the school library media rubric. We will also be meeting in groups. Senior Deputy Commissioner King and Assistant Commissioner Abrams have a meeting on *Race to the Top* in the morning and arranged their schedules so that they can meet with us in the afternoon. I am sure they will have a great deal to share with us regarding our status. If there are any key questions that you would like Dr. King or Mr. Abrams to address please send them to me via e mail so I can forward them. Please make arrangements to stay for the whole meeting.

Based upon the delegate survey and your comments, there will be a time for you to meet in four distinct groups addressing topics of the associations working together, professional development, communicating with SED, and keeping up to date with current topics. I ask you to pick one group. There will be a limit of how many members per group. **Please identify your first, second and third choice by e mailing me.** You will meet and discuss the issue with the group leader. The group leader will come back to the group and report what occurred during your session. President Elect Dave Arnone has agreed to set up wikis if the conversation is to be continued. If so, any delegate can participate in that wiki. During the October 2009 meeting, I had asked for volunteers to be group leaders and was happy to have Ellen Sicluna, Elizabeth Sheffer, David Payton, and Jim Viola volunteer. The groups are:

Group A: What would be the most effective way for our associations to share information regarding keynote speakers, attendance at conferences, conference contracts, and what works? (group leader: Ellen Sicluna)

Group B: Commissioner Steiner had Joe Frey review the draft regulation regarding the 175 hours and conferences. What, if any, should the next step be? (group leader: Elizabeth Sheffer)

Group C: Commissioner Steiner has asked that the NYSCEA membership develop a set of key questions they would like him to address at the May meeting. This group will develop the key questions that NYSCEA should pose to the new Commissioner. (group leader: David Payton)

Group D: How are educational organizations sharing information about the instructional opportunities and challenges of working with the disconnected youths? (group leader: Jim Viola)

Looking forward to see you on February 5th,

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