



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

DIRECT ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT OFFICE OF EDUCATION

September 15, 2014

The Reverend Priests
School Board Chairmen
Day and Afternoon School Principals and Teachers
Of the Direct Archdiocesan District

Dear All:

We would like to wish everyone the very best as you begin the 2014-2015 school year! Also, we would like to convey to you the paternal wishes of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America for a very productive and successful new school year.

We are happy to inform you that our efforts to validate the *Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek* as a “locally” developed foreign language test that is recognized by the education authorities have been met with success. Thus, our students will continue to receive the credits they deserve for learning the Greek language. And the *Greek Examination* will be administered, as always, in **June of 2015**.

We are also pleased to inform you that “*The Curriculum of the Modern Greek Language – Checkpoint B – Regents Level*” has been published and is ready for distribution. It is an excellent edition that compliments the *Checkpoint A – Curriculum* that was published last year, and a useful tool for the teachers who prepare students for the *Greek Examination*.

Both *Curricula (Checkpoint A and Checkpoint B)* are the products of a collaboration of the *Institute of Modern Greek Studies* of the University of Thessaloniki and the District Office of Education and are in complete adherence with the philosophy and standards of the New York State Education Department. They are offered “gratis” to teachers and schools. (See enclosed order form.)

Furthermore, our District’s *Annual Staff Development Seminar*, which is held under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, is scheduled to take place on **November 4th** (Election Day), a day devoted to the professional training of teachers of public and nonpublic schools. We promise to have a very rewarding program and expect that all day and afternoon school teachers of the Direct District will attend.

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School data help our District Office define the scope for the year in an effort to better assist you. We kindly ask you, therefore, to fill out the enclosed statistical forms *as soon as possible* and mail the **original** forms, not photocopies or faxed papers, to our Office in the enclosed for your convenience envelope.

The following **forms** and **documents** are enclosed herewith:

1. The **2014-15 School Record Form**.
2. The **Calendar for the School Year 2014-2015**.
3. The Teacher **Contact Information Form**.
4. Order **Forms** for the curricula, books, and diplomas.
5. The recommended by our Office **Teacher Salary Scale**.

In closing, we would like to thank you for all that you do to offer a sound Greek studies program that emphasizes the teaching of our Orthodox faith, cultural heritage, and the Greek language. And we encourage you to visit us online at www.education.goarch.org where you can find useful information on a large number of materials and resources.

Again, our best wishes for a very rewarding new school year.

Very sincerely,



Maria Makedon
Director