September 16, 2016

Greek-American Parochial Day School Principals Greek Afternoon / Saturday School Directors Of the Direct Archdiocesan District

Cc: Reverend Fathers and School Board Chairmen

I would like to welcome everyone back and to convey to you the paternal wishes of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios Geron of America a productive new School Year 2016-17!

The Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education is doing everything possible to facilitate the day parochial schools of New York City by representing them to the educational authorities on the state and city levels benefitting thus the teachers and students of these schools.

In order to fulfill its responsibilities, our Education Office is enclosing the following forms:

- The 2016-17 School Record Form
- 2. The Calendar for the School Year 2016-2017
- 3. The Teacher Contact Information Form for new teachers
- 4. Order Forms for Certificates of Promotion and Diplomas
- Order Forms for the Curriculum of Modern Greek Studies (A & B) and books for the preparation of students (Regents)

We kindly ask that you complete the **2016-17 School Record Form** and mail it to our Office at your earliest convenience. Furthermore, please note that our Office has selected an array of beautiful books from various Greek publishers that could very well help you in your profession. The books are sold by the Department of Religious Education and exist online at www.orthodoxmarketplace.com.

The District Office of Education also promotes the in-service training of our day and afternoon school teachers by organizing annually a **Staff Development Seminar**. This year, the Seminar will take place at **St. Demetrios High School in Astoria**, on **November 8th (Election Day)**.

The Seminar is held under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios Geron of America and is geared towards all teachers who serve in the day, afternoon/Saturday schools of the District. Due to the national elections this year, the Seminar will be short.

The District Office of Education has launched a Facebook page, which contains useful information at this address: https://www.facebook.com/greekamericanschools. Additionally, the Office has created its own Website as follows: www.education.goarch.org, which we recommend that you visit.

We thank you for your kind collaboration and wish you a wonderful new academic year.

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Director