October 7, 2016

Reverend Fathers and School Board Chairman
Greek-American Parochial Day School Principals
Greek-Afternoon/Saturday School Directors
Of the Direct Archdiocesan District

RE: Annual Staff-Development Seminar

The Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education is pleased to announce that the annual Staff Development Seminar will be held on Tuesday, November 8th (Election Day), at St. Demetrios High School in Astoria. The Seminar aims at offering in-service training to teachers who serve in District's Greek-American day schools as well as the Greek afternoon/Saturday schools.

Held under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios Geron of America, the Seminar will include a series of workshops for the teachers of the English program of the NYC day schools intended for grades K – 12, with the general theme "MATH & STEM."

For the Greek program, our Office has invited two exceptional educators – Ms. Haroula Ntalla, lecturer at Brooklyn College/CUNY and Ms. Maria Kaliampou, senior lecturer at Yale University /Hellenic Studies Program, who will inspire you. In the first session, Ms. Ntalla will refer to the learning disabilities/difficulties of students, at an early age, and ways to address them. In the second session, Ms. Kaliampou will speak about the "power" of folk tales in the teaching/learning of Modern Greek.

We kindly invite all the teachers of the Direct Archdiocesan District as well as those serving in the neighboring areas to attend the November 8th Seminar. We hope that you will find the workshops interesting and useful.

Kindly complete the enclosed "registration form" and fax it to 212-774-0248 or send it by e-mail to afilippou@goarch.org. For more information, please contact our Office at 212-570-3552.

Your participation in the Seminar will give us great joy!

Very sincerely,

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Director