October 7, 2016

Reverend Fathers and School Board Chairmen 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 8**th (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 8**th **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,

Maria Makedon

Director