



## WESTERN NEW YORK EDUCATIONAL SERVICE COUNCIL

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Dear Superintendent,

Since 1949, the Western New York Educational Service Council has served the professional needs of school administrators across our eight county region and throughout New York State. Membership in the Council provides access for districts to valuable professional development programs for the superintendent, district and building level administrators, as well as your option to include school board members. All decisions on who will participate in our monthly programs are made by the district superintendent. In 2016-17, nearly 60 of the 98 WNY school districts continued as Council members.

Programs are currently being finalized for 2017-18. We make a concerted effort to find topics which are timely, representative of the diverse needs of our members, and reflect member requests. We try to use various sites and times for the added convenience of our members. All member districts will receive access to a professionally edited video copy of every monthly program which can be used by the district with staff and parents.

For 2017-18 our membership rates will remain at the level that they have been for the last twelve (12) years. In addition to our monthly professional development programs, members are able to receive a reduced rate for consulting and project services. Members are also encouraged to nominate their district staff and board members for recognition at our Awards for Excellence Banquet, held in April of each year and attended by 300+ participants.

Beginning July 1, 2016 there was a By-law change to expand the Board of Directors to include all four western region District Superintendents. Also added were four other new positions on the WNYESC Board. We believe that the expanded governance of these professionals will greatly enhance the work of the Council to better serve its members.

Finally, our workshops provide an opportunity for collegiality and the informal exchange of conversation before and after these sessions.

Membership information for 2017-18 is attached. Please return this form by fax or by email.

As we enter our 69<sup>th</sup> year of service to school districts, we would deeply appreciate your support of our nonprofit organization and the programs/services which can be provided for you and representatives of your district.

Sincerely,

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Western New York Educational Service Council

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