



WESTERN NEW YORK EDUCATIONAL SERVICE COUNCIL

June 8, 2021

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. As an organization that is committed to educational leaders across the State, we have tried to address the most pressing issues facing school leaders and tailored our professional development and organizational studies to best meet the changing needs.

Like last year, this year continued to present all of us with a unique set of issues and challenges. In response, programs for our members, are currently being finalized for 2021-22 and will be designed to address many of these evolving issues for our members. We are making a concerted effort to identify topics which are timely, representative of the diverse needs of our members, and reflect member requests. One of these issues, includes ways in which the Council can offer programs regarding the expenditures associated with the federal stimulus money. We are working to create a seminar that will gather input and provide suggestions to assist you with identifying ways you can appropriately spend these funds. We will also continue try to use various sites and times for the added convenience of all our members.

All decisions on who will participate in our monthly programs are made by the district superintendent. In 2020-21, over 60 of the 98 WNY school districts continued as Council members. Finally, our workshops provide an opportunity for collegiality and the informal exchange of conversation before and after these sessions.

In addition to access to these professional development opportunities, members are able to receive a reduced rate for consulting and project services, our annual law conference as well as our monthly professional development programs. Members are also encouraged to nominate their district staff and board members for recognition at our Awards for Excellence Banquet, typically held in April of each year and attended by 300+ participants.

Membership information for 2021-22 is attached. Please return this form by email.

As we enter our 73rd 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,
Dr. Laura Pless
Executive Director

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