Dear Educators and Administrators,

In preparation for the upcoming Semiquincentennial, a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we are inviting you to a special **free Teacher Training Workshop that will provide CTLE hours.** In February, we are excited to be opening two new exhibitions centered on the theme of democracy in America: **read more here**.

To support these limited-run exhibitions, a **FREE** workshop led by New York State Museum staff and Long Island Museum staff will take place at the Long Island Museum on **Saturday, March 1, 2025**. This workshop will align the *Voices and Votes* exhibition content with New York State Learning Standards. Although this workshop is offered both virtually and in-person, we encourage teachers who can to attend in person for a more engaging experience and a chance to explore the exhibitions with museum staff. There will also be time to discuss how we can create a meaningful gallery visit for your students. Additionally, attendees will be awarded NYS Education Department Continuing Teacher and Leader Education Professional Development Credits. **Click here to get more details and to register for the workshop.**

The workshop can be attended as a full day offering (9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) or as a morning or afternoon session. The morning session will consist of the teacher training and gallery exploration while the afternoon session will welcome Ashley Hopkins-Benton, Senior Historian and Curator, Social History at the New York State Museum to our program space. Hopkins-Benton will speak about the continued revolutions that New Yorkers have persisted in pursuing with her talk *Marching Forward, Looking Back: New York and the Continued Fight for Equal Rights*.
Our Education team is always available to share more specifics via phone or email and we hope you consider joining us for what we know will be an enriching day.

Sincerely,

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