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Dear WLHCSS members, Department Chairs, Lead Teachers, and Administrators:

Welcome back to another school year -- may it be fulfilling and exciting! As I begin my fifth year as president of WLHCSS, I am energized by the dedication of our members who, year after year, provide the best social studies education to our students. Our organization will continue to advocate relentlessly for social studies, ensuring our students are prepared to be informed, critical, and active citizens of our democracy.

The coming year will not be without challenges, most significantly, the implementation of the new American History Regents in June. I encourage you to become involved, to participate, and to attend our conference on **December 13**, at the **Renaissance Westchester Hotel**, in West Harrison. This year's theme is **Social Studies: Civic Literacy Happens Here**. Our keynote speaker will be **Katharine Kosin**, from NewseumED. She will share strategies and materials teachers can use to build First Amendment knowledge and media literacy, vital to civic engagement. The keynote presentation will be followed by a full day of workshops on timely topics such as evidence-based questions and the Social Studies Practices, as well as NYSED updates.

Registration is now open! Please follow the link below to our registration form.

[WLHCSSCONFREG2019](https://forms.gle/wn3QRfTcJt7mwBZ68)

As we did last year, we will be using a Google form for workshop proposal submissions. We welcome workshops for all levels and in all social studies disciplines. **Proposals are due Tuesday, October 15**. We are always looking for elementary based presentations and those focused on English Language Learners. Please follow the link below to submit your proposal.

<https://forms.gle/wn3QRfTcJt7mwBZ68>

Registration and proposal information is also available on our website, <http://www.wlhcss.info/>, and you can expect email updates regularly.

Now is the time to encumber monies and plan for professional development. I hope that you will impress upon your administrators that our programs are **local** and tailored to teachers in the Lower Hudson Valley. We offer a comprehensive selection of workshops for the **lowest expenditure and CTLE credit**. I look forward to personally seeing you on **December 13**.

Sincerely yours,

Susan Chester

Annual Conference, 12/13/19, Renaissance Westchester Hotel

Early Registration (by 12/6) . . . \$130
Regular Registration/Walk-in . . . \$150
Presenters/Students . . . \$75

Four teachers may register together for \$400, early registration only, cannot be combined with presenter rate.

