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Dear Fellow Emeralds,

On behalf of the Officers and Executive Board of the New York City Department of Education Emerald Society, we want to welcome you back to the start of the 2020-2021 academic year. Although we began the school year in perhaps an untraditional way, we are all committed to education and the passion we have for our students. Now, more than ever, it is important that we stay connected, even if it is in a virtual way for now. The Emerald Society is committed to celebrating Irish culture, promoting collegiality, community and unity among all of our colleagues in the New York City Department of Education. To this end, we are inclusive of our Irish and honorary Irish brothers and sisters of the UFT, CSA, Local 94 and Local 891. In fact, our organization has been in existence for over fifty years because we celebrate our culture and recognize and honor the contributions of all its members of the educational community within the NYC public schools.

At each event, we want to extend one hundred thousand welcomes to you or *Céad mile fáilte!* We have many new initiatives and activities planned and hope that you will consider joining us to celebrate and preserve the Irish culture, develop a sense of fellowship and benevolence and honor our accomplishments. Some of the events we have scheduled are:

November 5 – CSA Irish Caucus via Zoom. CSA members are welcome for a special opportunity to hear from and connect with CSA President Mark Cannizzaro and NYC Council Daniel Dromm.

November 13 – *The Irish Echo's* Irish Community Champions Night via Zoom. Come one, come all, but please come. Members of the Irish community share stories of how they helped communities during COVID-19.

November 17 – Virtual Irish Trivia Night via Zoom. Feel free to join us either alone or as a team. We will have questions based on Irish culture, music and events. Winners will receive a one-year free membership in the NYCDOE Emerald Society!

February 25 – Irish Music Celebration via Zoom. This will be a night to remember as Irish musical artists perform and talk about their craft and traditions. Please join us for this special event.

March 12 – Annual Scholarship Gala. Last March, we had to postpone our 50th Annual Scholarship Gala due to COVID-19. If you have already purchased tickets, they will be honored at the upcoming gala at Terrace on the Park. First, we will recognize the efforts of our scholarship winners. In addition, we will honor the efforts of those going beyond on a daily basis in our city schools, and of course, enjoy the sights and sounds of Irish tradition.

Enclosed you will find a membership application, the scholarship awards notice and the subscription blank for the 2021 Journal. Please share this information with your colleagues, encourage them to join and support the Emerald Society and meet our Irish brothers and sisters who work to educate our city's future.

To apply for membership and/or reserve tickets to our scholarship dance, send check(s) by mail to:

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Information regarding tickets and membership will also be available on our website:
<https://www.emeraldsocietynycdoe.com/>

Sincerely,

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