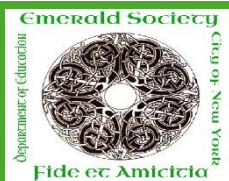


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Dear Members and Friends of the Emeralds,

May this letter find you well and in good spirits! I hope this past summer brought you some time to rest, rejuvenate and do all the things you enjoy! The strength of our organization begins with each one of us.

On behalf of the NYC Department of Education Emerald Society, I wish to extend to all our members and Friends of the Emeralds, "Céad Míle Fáilte" or "one hundred thousand welcomes to you" for the 2025-2026 school year. The Executive Board has been diligently working to ensure you have a year filled with meaningful events and gatherings that embrace the Irish culture while allowing you to network with fellow educators, both active and retired. From the onset, we have been and continue to be inclusive of our Irish and honorary Irish brothers and sisters from the NYCDOE and beyond. For more than 50 years, the Emerald Society has proudly been celebrating Irish culture and heritage, as well as promoting collegiality, community, and unity among our colleagues within various unions including the UFT, CSA, DC37 & Local 891, just to name a few.

As a society, we not only celebrate our culture and heritage, but we also recognize, honor and celebrate the contributions of our fellow educators within the NYC public schools. Over the past few years, the NYCDOE Emerald Society has grown in membership and momentum! The excitement of all those involved is beyond evident! As president, I am proud and honored to ensure that momentum and joy continue! We are excited to kick off what we hope will be another unforgettable year for the NYCDOE Emerald Society! This year, we are planning a variety of exciting events starting with our "Welcome Back" celebration on Wednesday, October 1st at Rory Dolan's from 4:30-7:30. Also, be sure to save the date for our 54th Annual Scholarship Dance, or as we like to call it, the "Irish Oscars," which will take place on Friday, March 13th at Terrace on the Park. You do not want to miss it!

Please be on the lookout for emails announcing upcoming events, as well as our website, which offers the ability to join, update your information and pay the annual joining or membership dues. We also share updates on a variety of social media platforms including X, Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn...check it out! If you listen to WFUV radio, you might catch a quick announcement about us as well!

Thank you for your participation, collaboration and continued support of the NYCDOE Emerald Society. I am honored to be part of such a worthy organization. I look forward to continuing to serve as your president. I leave you with the following wish: "May your thoughts be less and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door."

Sincerely,

Stacy Livingston

President. New York City Department of Education Emerald Society