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To: New Jersey FFA Chapter Advisors/Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource Educators

From: Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist

CC: Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

Re: **State Officer Candidates' School - NEW LOCATION in 2017!!**  
**Saturday, January 28, 2017, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm**  
**South Hunterdon Regional High School, 301 Mt. Airy-Harbourton Road, Lambertville, NJ 08530**

**REGISTRATION IS DUE SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017 (REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY).**

State Officer Candidates' School (SOCS) is a one-day training conference designed for FFA members, advisors, and parents to learn more about the state officer experience.

**1.) SOCS – FFA MEMBER WORKSHOP**

FFA members interested in running for state office or serving on nominating committee are encouraged to attend SOCS. The member workshop focuses on the nominating committee process, the roles and responsibilities of state officers, and other important information state officers should know about agriculture, food and natural resources education. The conference is presented by the current state officer team. The executive committee will be assisting with the program. Attendees must have permission from their parent, chapter advisor and a school administrator. This permission slip will be automatically emailed upon submission of the participant form and available on the Ag Education Bulletin Board.

**2.) SOCS – ADVISOR/PARENT WORKSHOP**

Advisors and parents of potential state officers are encouraged to attend this workshop. The advisor/ parent workshop focuses on what students will be involved in as a state officer, some fundamental information about agricultural education, and what happens after elections. Some sessions will be combined with the FFA member workshop.

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

The conference registration fee is **\$9.00 per person attending (including members, advisors, parents, etc. unless the chapter is Gold Affiliated, then the fee is waived)**, which covers conference costs and lunch. Please make your check for **\$9.00 per person** payable to: Treasurer, State of New Jersey and forward it to the Office of Agricultural Education, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, N.J. 08625-0330. Please indicate "SOCS Registration" in the memo line of your check. **Registration is due Sunday, January 15, 2017 (registration will be accepted on the next business day since the due date falls on a weekend).** Please use this link to submit your chapter' participant list - <https://form.jotform.com/NJFFA/SOCS>. **The conference will begin with registration at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Official dress is required.** Advisors and parents are not required to attend, but it is strongly encouraged for the overall support of the candidate. For liability purposes, please fill out the "Advisor/Parent Permission Slip" and email it to the Office of Agricultural Education (609-633-2421).

If you have any questions please contact Erin Noble at (877) AgEdFFA.

**Directions to  
South Hunterdon Regional High School  
301 Mount Airy-Harbourton Road, Lambertville, NJ 08530  
(parking is off of Rocktown Lambertville Road)**

**From Northwest:** Take NJ-31 S  
At the traffic circle (in Flemington), take the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit onto US-202 S  
(continue straight on US-202 S)  
Take the NJ-31 S exit toward Trenton (continue onto NJ-31 S)  
Turn right onto Rocktown Lambertville Road  
The parking lot will be on the right

**From Northeast:** Take NJ-202 S  
At the traffic circle (in Flemington), take the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit onto US-202 S  
(continue straight on US-202 S)  
Take the NJ-31 S exit toward Trenton (continue onto NJ-31 S)  
Turn right onto Rocktown Lambertville Road  
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**From South:** Take I-295 N which turns into Rt. I-95 (after exit 67 of I-295).  
Take exit 3B and merge onto Scotch Road  
Turn left onto Washington Crossing Pennington Road  
Turn right onto Bear Tavern Road/Trenton Harbourton Road (Rt. 579) (continue to  
follow Harbourton Rocktown Road/Rt.579)  
Turn left onto Harbourton Mt. Airy Road (continue onto Harbourton Road, then continue  
onto Mt. Airy Harbourton Road)  
Turn left onto Rocktown Lambertville Road  
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**From East:** Take I-195 W to I-295 N  
Continue by following directions from the South (listed above)

