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

From: Kristianne M. Goodenough, State FFA Specialist

CC: Erin E. Noble, State FFA Advisor

Re: **State Officer Candidates' School**
Sunday, January 24 - Saturday, January 30, 2021
Virtually via Zoom and Nearpod

REGISTRATION IS DUE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020.

State Officer Candidates' School (SOCS) is a training conference designed for FFA members, advisors, and parents to learn more about the state officer experience. **SOCS will have both synchronous and asynchronous materials. Asynchronous sessions will go live on Sunday, January 24. A schedule for live sessions on Saturday, January 30 will be made available shortly.**

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.

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. This session will be hosted live via Zoom on the 30th.

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. Please make your check for **\$9.00 per person** payable to: Treasurer, State of New Jersey and forward it to the Office of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources 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 Friday, January 15, 2021.** Please use this link to submit your chapter' participant list - <https://form.jotform.com/NJFFA/SOCS>. **Official dress or business dress is required for synchronous sessions.** Advisors and parents are not required to attend, but it is strongly encouraged for the overall support of the candidate.

If you have any questions please contact Kristianne Goodenough at (609) 475-5102.