

Federal Education Association
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Greeting HCR'S,

We're coming to end of school year 2004-2005 in a few weeks and I am excited because I am planning a training conference for you on June 17th & 18th in Columbia, South Carolina. This 2 day training will take place at Pierce Terrace Elementary School on Fort Jackson. The NEA Cadre will provide 3 powerful sessions to inspire, motivate and empower us as HCR'S. Meals and lodging will be provided for this training. We are hoping that your local association will be able to assist you with your travel expenses. Please return the pre-registration form attached to this letter by May 31, 2005 so that we can have a count of those who will attend.

Thanks for getting me your information so quickly after the Area Council Meeting. I attended the FEA Board meeting shortly afterwards and the National Security Plan (NSP) was the topic. Hopefully, you took time to submit comments about NSP because it indeed is critical to our rights and protections as Federal Employees. In January, some HCR'S who were completing a two year commitment attended the Mid-Atlantic Minority Leadership Conference. At this conference, attendees learned about the different caucus groups that are available to us and the necessary leadership trainings for offices in our locals, Stateside Region, and on the FEA Board. The NEA Civil Rights Office is willing to work with us and support us in anyway we need them.

I encourage each you to take the time to serve on committees in your local and as RA Delegates at the NEA Convention each year. The Compliance Plan is in place to ensure that minority voices can and will be heard. We all need to "Get on Board and Get Involved!" I look forward to seeing you in Columbia on June 17 and 18, 2005
Take Care of Yourself, Keep the Faith and Be Safe!

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