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TO: School Board Presidents, School Board Members and Superintendents

FROM: Jay L.T. Breakstone, President

!!!! SPECIAL MEETING !!!!

UPDATE ON NASSAU COUNTY TAX CERTIORARI COURT PROCEEDINGS

Messrs. John H. Gross and Gregory J. Guercio

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

7:00 p.m. (coffee & cookies)

Plainview-Old Bethpage, John F. Kennedy High School

*This meeting is open to School Board Members, Superintendents and School Business Officials
Registration form and Directions are attached*

Over time Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association has been successful in withstanding attempts by Nassau County to absolve itself from its legal obligation to hold school districts harmless for the costs of errors in its property assessments.

In two separate actions, County Executive Thomas Suozzi and County Legislator Roger Corbin have moved the issue of the County's accountability for its assessment practices from the Legislature to the Court. The amount of risk may be as high as \$60 to \$80 million for Nassau school districts alone, the payment of which the County seeks to shift to its local school budgets.

On behalf of its member boards of education this Association has intervened in these two cases.

- N-SSBA has been granted permission to appear as amicus curiae before the Appellate Division, Second Department in the appeal of a decision in *New York Telephone Co. vs. Town of North Hempstead et al.* Ingerman Smith LLP and Guercio & Guercio LLP are representing N-SSBA, pro bono.
- N-SSBA has been granted intervenor status, along with the Rockville Centre and Plainview-Old Bethpage Boards of Education in the Corbin *Article 78 Lawsuit filed in State Supreme Court.* Ingerman Smith LLP and Guercio & Guercio are appearing pro bono in this matter as well.

These proceedings could have far-reaching implications for school funding in both Nassau and Suffolk Counties. This Special Meeting provides an opportunity to be brought up to date on the status of the court proceedings. Make sure your school district is represented!