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Dear Educator:

Each fall the Old Bethpage Village Restoration hosts the Long Island Fair - the Official New York State sanctioned County Fair for Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk Counties. The 2026 Long Island Fair will be held on September 25, 26 & 27.

Held on the recreated historic Mineola Fairgrounds, the fair features the best of old-time County Fairs. Thousands of exhibits are entered to compete for blue ribbons in categories such as culinary, horticulture, livestock, needlework, poetry and a variety of hobbies.

Dozens of performers and demonstrators will provide traditional entertainment including musicians, jugglers, contra dancing, and craft demonstrations. The Campbell Livestock Building will be home to a variety of farm animals with educational displays and demonstrations; the historic Old Bethpage Village Restoration will be available for touring as well.

*I am writing to invite your school to come enjoy the 2026 Long Island Fair. Experience a Long Island tradition that is host to one of New York State's oldest continuing agricultural fairs.*

This year I encourage you to make your class trip even more extraordinary and have your students enter their art, handcrafts, writing samples or culinary goods in the Junior or Young Adult Departments, a great way for your students to become an active participant in the fair.

There is also a Children's Coloring Display for ages 3 to 10.

*Note that registration is now open, so students can sign up today and submit their entries now or as the Fair approaches, depending on type of entry. What a great end of school year activity!*

Currently school reservations are being accepted for Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>. Please call 516-572-8409 to reserve your class visit.

Additional information about the Long Island Fair – including the Competitive Exhibit Handbook - can be found by visiting [www.lifair.org](http://www.lifair.org).

Wishing you and your students a restful and enjoyable summer - we look forward to seeing you at the Fair!

Sincerely,

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