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MTA LIRR Takes Educators and Students To "School"; NYC Attractions Make Great Classrooms

"Take the train to school" could be another name for the MTA Long Island Rail Road's Group Travel Program. The LIRR's latest edition of its "City Tracks Educator's Guide to New York City Attractions" includes six Big Apple draws ranging from the American Museum of Natural History to FDNY Fire Zone. Each attraction has its own appeal and ability to educate while providing students and teachers a day away from their regular classrooms. Another big plus for the Group Travel Program is the major transportation discounts offered school groups on the LIRR and MTA NYC Subway.

During its 51-year history, this Program has helped millions of students, teachers and adults from many Long Island school districts enjoy the Big City's major attractions. This year the "City Tracks" guide will be mailed to more than 4,000 teachers and principals in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

The six attractions featured in the guide this year are the American Museum of Natural History, Bodies, Radio City Christmas Spectacular, Wintuk, Paley Center for Media and FDNY Fire Zone.

LIRR Group Travel is the best way to take a school group to the City. Not only is there the monetary savings, but also an LIRR escort can meet the group at their home station and accompany them to Penn Station. Space will also be reserved in a train car for the group. A minimum of 30 tickets is required. There's also a discount on subway MetroCards and groups of 60 or more are eligible for an escort to guide them around the underground system.

For more information contact the LIRR's Group Travel Department at 718-558-7498 from 8 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday. For travel information 24-hours a day contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center in Suffolk County at 631-231-LIRR, in Nassau County at 516-822-LIRR or in New York City at 718-217-LIRR. The Travel Information Center's TDD telephone number for the hearing impaired is 718-558-3022. Customers can also consult the LIRR's web site at www.mta.info.