Social Studies Collegial Circles

**Dates:** Beginning in December 2015  
MS/HS: First Tuesday of the month  
3:30 – 5:30  
Elementary: First Thursday of the month  
4:00pm – 6:00pm

**Presenter:** RACSS facilitators  
**Location:** Monroe #1 BOCES  
15 Linden Park, Rochester, NY  
**Fee:** $55 for RACSS members  
$75 for non-members  
**Audience:** Social Studies teachers who have been introduced to the NYS SS Frameworks & the NYS Toolkit Project

The Rochester Area Council for the Social Studies, in cooperation with BOCES 1, is pleased to offer a unique and intensive series of professional learning in the 2015-2016 school year. Based on an Immersing Educators in Practice model, this professional learning series will engage teachers in studying both content and pedagogy, and ask them to apply their knowledge and skills to create and implement rigorous social studies activities in their classrooms. Focused on building capacity within and among participants, teachers will create classroom experiences with colleagues, implement them with their students, and bring back samples of student work to analyze and learn from.

Collegial circles could focus on four main groups:  
- Middle/HS-World History (grades 6, 9, 10)  
- Middle/HS-American History (grades 7,8,11)  
- Elementary-Primary Social Studies (K – 3)  
- Elementary-Intermediate Social Studies (4,5)

**Major Meeting Activities:**  
December: Group introductions & orientation  
Choosing topics and subgroups  
January: Collaborative facilitated planning  
February: First Looking at Student Work session  
March: Collaborative facilitated planning  
April: Second Looking at Student Work session  
May: RACSS members will be invited to showcase their work at the RACSS Spring Workshop

**RACSS Information:**  
The Rochester Area Council for the Social Studies (RACSS) is a professional association of teachers and supervisors at the elementary, middle, secondary, and college and university levels. Membership is open to all persons who teach, supervise, develop curricula, engage in research, or are otherwise concerned with social studies education. The organization is a marketplace of ideas as well as a forum and showcase for new materials, teaching methods, strategies, programs, and personalities. Established in the 1970s, the RACSS has been one of the largest and most active affiliates of the New York State Council for the Social Studies.

To register for this workshop please visit  
[www.monroe.edu/pdcatalog](http://www.monroe.edu/pdcatalog)

Click on the Monroe #1 BOCES Professional Development 2014-15 Catalog where you will be prompted to set up an account to register for this and all future trainings.

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For any special requests (i.e., interpreter) your registration must be in the Office of School Improvement (OSI) a minimum of 10 business days prior to day of workshop.

All workshop sites meet handicapped accessibility requirements. Special accommodations will be provided as requested on registration form.