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2017-18 Governors and Youth Exchange Chairs for Districts 6910, 7190, 7230, 7255, 7280, 7300, 7330, 7360, 7390, 7410, 7430, 7450, 7470, 7490, 7510, 7550, 7570, 7600, 7610, 7620, 7630, 7640, 7690, 7710, 7720, 7730, 7780, 7790, 7850, 7870, 7890, 7910, 7930, 7950, and 7980

## Dear District Leaders:

We would like to thank all of the Rotarians who have participated in Rotary Youth Exchange and contributed to this outstanding program. RI staff reviewed the recertification documents submitted by the Eastern States Student Exchange (ESSEX) Multidistrict on behalf of its 35 member districts. Based on the information provided, we are pleased to notify you that all districts in ESSEX have met the minimum requirements for the recertification of their Youth Exchange programs as set by the RI Board of Directors.

The districts' current certification is contingent upon continued adherence to all RI policies for any long-term and short-term exchanges, as well as the annual submission of a certification renewal form and inbound student data (including the names and contact information for long-term students' second and third host families.) All certified districts will be asked to recertify again on a staggered basis every five to seven years.

CERTIFIED DISTRICTS	6910, 7190, 7230, 7255, 7280, 7300, 7330, 7360, 7390, 7410, 7430, 7450, 7470, 7490, 7510, 7550, 7570, 7600, 7610, 7620, 7630, 7640, 7690, 7710, 7720, 7730, 7780, 7790, 7850, 7870, 7890, 7910, 7930, 7950, 7980 (BERMUDA; part of CANADA, part of USA)
NOTES	Certification requirements are met in all countries in which the above listed districts operate.

Although RI has set requirements to ensure that certain minimum expectations are met by all districts, meeting certification requirements does not imply that a district has complied with local laws and standards. Each district remains responsible for ensuring that its legal obligations are met, and all districts are encouraged to consult with a legal professional in the local area.

Please accept our congratulations and gratitude for your commitment to strengthening youth protection measures for Youth Exchange. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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2017-20 Chair, ESSEX Multidistrict