Dear ACSSW Community,

We hope that you are well, safe, and healthy. The American Council for School Social Work Board of Directors would like to inform you of our decision to reschedule the National School Social Work Institute from June 2020 to **February 1-2, 2021, in Los Angeles**.

The COVID-19 virus continues to generate concern across the country and the world. Being very aware of the need to take a proactive stance that respects the health and needs of individuals as well as schools, businesses, health providers, and more, the ACSSW Board has decided on this course of action.

ACSSW is grateful to our conference hotel, Omni Los Angeles, and venue, The California Endowment, that have kindly agreed to accommodate this later date. We plan to move forward with our conference theme, **Building Trauma-Informed Schools and Communities**, and are in the process of contacting our presenters to determine whether they have the flexibility to present on these new dates. We look forward to developing a rich, professionally exciting program that we will share with you in the coming months.

ACSSW will also be contacting each registrant to determine whether you would like a refund or whether you would like your reservation held for the February dates. Be assured that if you have registered and paid, your fees will be refunded in full should you desire. Either way, refund or retain, we will offer those who paid a complimentary membership in ACSSW.

For those who have made a hotel reservation for June—we have not yet finalized that process with the Omni for February. When that information is available again, we will let you know. Please be sure you have cancelled your June reservation.

ACSSW thanks you for your faith and confidence in us. We will do everything in our power to keep you informed during the coming months as the country tackles this pandemic and its repercussions.

In the meantime, stay safe, stay healthy. Be kind. Be patient. Keep a sense of humor. We encourage you to remain positive, especially with your families and students. The nation—the world—has weathered serious challenges in the past and has come out on top. We will do so once again.

Sincerely,
The ACSSW Board of Directors