

Memo

To: High School Nominating Committees
From: Governor's School Board of Overseers
Re: Governor's School 2009

Date: October 10, 2008

First and foremost, thank you for all the time and effort you put into the selection process for the Governor's School programs. You send the program world class scholars every year who are a tribute to their schools and families, and it is our privilege to get the chance to work with them.

In 2009 we will operate five (5) Governor's Schools: The GS in the Sciences at Drew University; The GS of Public Issues and the Future of New Jersey at Monmouth University; The GS of International Studies at Ramapo College; The GS of Engineering and Technology at Rutgers University, and the GS on the Environment at Stockton College. The College of New Jersey has decided not to continue their participation so we will not offer a program in the Arts in 2009. We deeply regret the disappointment of the talented art scholars who would have participated, and hope that they will understand that it was impossible to provide a quality program for 2009 at another institution.

We are providing the applications electronically to the county superintendents who will then forward them to the high schools. The applications are also available on our website www.nj.gov/govschool.

We strongly suggest that you get the applications to your nominees **by October 24th** so they have adequate time to prepare their applications. High schools may submit one (1) application for every 325 juniors enrolled. That means if you have between 326 and 650 juniors you may submit two (2) applications for each of the five Governor's Schools. Applications must be in the county superintendent's office by November 21st where they will be checked for **completeness only**. Once again this year every complete application will be forwarded to the host colleges for consideration.

The programs will accept up to 90 scholars each and run from two to four weeks depending on our fundraising success, but we are happy to at least provide a start date for each to enable families to plan:

Rutgers will begin on June 28, 2009
Stockton will begin on June 28, 2009
Ramapo will begin on July 5, 2009
Monmouth will begin on July 12, 2009
Drew will begin on July 12, 2009

We will provide program dates in January and inform scholars of any other program modifications with acceptance letters.

The Governor's School is open to all talented juniors (2008-2009) who are nominated by their high schools, and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, creed, national origin, physical handicap, political activity, or private conduct.

We look forward to the applications and again thank each of you for all that you do to continue to make the Governor's School of New Jersey such a successful program.