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TO: District Superintendents
Charter School Lead Persons
High School Principals
High School Guidance Counselors
High School Math and Science Teachers

FROM: Rochelle Hendricks
Secretary of Higher Education

SUBJECT: Applications for the 2017 Governor's School of New Jersey

I am writing to make you aware of an extraordinary opportunity for your students and to seek your help. The selection process for the prestigious Governor's School of New Jersey is about to begin, and I am asking you to identify high-achieving juniors who may be interested in these rigorous and demanding STEM summer residential academic programs.

There will be two programs operating in 2017. The Governor's School in the Sciences will be hosted at Drew University from July 9 – 29, 2017 and the Governor's School of Engineering and Technology will be hosted at Rutgers University from June 25 – July 21, 2017.

The Governor's School is open to outstanding juniors who are selected by their high schools. You, your teachers and guidance staff play an instrumental role in identifying and encouraging potential applicants for these programs. The applications along with new submission information for the 2017 programs are attached with this letter and are available on our website at www.nj.gov/govschool.

Please note the following important dates (Please note they differ for the two programs):

For the Governor's School in the Sciences:
January 6, 2017, 11:59 p.m.: Application E-mail deadline
February 15, 2017, 11:59 p.m.: Junior grades/PSAT scores e-mail deadline
By late February, 2017: e-mail notification of receipt of application
April 3, 2017: e-mail notification of selection committee decisions
April 10, 2017, 11:59 p.m.: commitment e-mail deadline

For the Governor's School in Engineering and Technology:
January 9, 2017, 11:59 p.m.: Application E-mail deadline
By late February, 2017: e-mail notification of receipt of application
April 3, 2017: e-mail notification of selection committee decisions
April 10, 2017, 11:59 p.m.: commitment e-mail deadline

High Schools with up to 325 juniors may submit one application for each of the Governor's School programs. If your high school has between 326 and 650 juniors, you may nominate two applicants for each of the two programs and if your high school has 651 or more juniors, you may nominate three applicants for each program.

If you have any questions about the programs, please contact the program directors, Adam Cassano (acassano@drew.edu, 973-408-3341) for the Governor's School in the Sciences and Jean Patrick Antoine (j.antoine@rutgers.edu, 848.445.4755) for the Governor's School in Engineering and Technology.

Thank you for all that you do to continue to make the Governor's School of New Jersey a highly successful program.

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