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TO: Chief School Administrators
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FROM: Kimberley Harrington,
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SUBJECT: 2017 Governor's STEM Scholars Program

This week, the Governor's STEM Scholars Program will begin accepting applications for the class of 2017. The program is a public-private partnership for students interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and is an initiative of the Research & Development Council of New Jersey, Governor's Office, New Jersey Department of Education, and Secretary of Higher Education. This is a free program open to New Jersey students in grades 10-Ph.D., and it will take place during the 2016-2017 academic year. Applications will be accepted until Friday, May 27, 2016.

The program seeks to select a diverse and representative group of 75 high school and post-secondary students (through Ph.D./M.D.) who are passionate about STEM, presenting them with incredible opportunities to learn about becoming a STEM professional from New Jersey's vast STEM industry and leading academic professionals. Scholars are provided with mentoring opportunities allowing them to engage in meaningful, ongoing dialogue with professionals from New Jersey's research and development community as well as state policymakers.

The heart of the program is four themed conferences that aim to mentor, educate, and inspire the scholars by introducing them to accomplished STEM professionals in industry, academia, nonprofits, and government. The expectation is that engaging the best and brightest students in our state with their professional peers will open up mutually beneficial doors of research, opportunity, and professional development.

To explore the site and apply to the program, please visit: www.govstemscholars.org

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