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TO: Chief School Administrators  
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FROM: Laura Morana, Acting Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: Invitation to screening of *Pyne Poynt* Documentary

In a continuing effort to highlight the work of educators and community members who support students, the New Jersey Department of Education, through the Division of Teaching and Learning and in partnership with Rutgers University-Camden, is pleased to announce a free screening of *Pyne Poynt*, a documentary about the power of sports inspiring children to rise above poverty.

Produced and directed by journalists Steve Patrick Ercolani and Gabe Dinsmoor, the documentary follows residents of Pyne Poynt – considered the most dangerous neighborhood in Camden – as they use baseball to attract the city's youth away from drugs and street corners. After the president of the baseball league secures funding for a new park, a myriad of problems arise that are symptomatic of cities nationwide. The community discovers they are more connected than they initially realized, and Little League in Camden becomes more than just a game.

The day of the screening, the director and various individuals featured in the documentary will be on hand to facilitate a panel discussion. A viewing guide will also be available to support classroom instruction around what educators can do to make a difference in our communities.

**Screening Time:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 10:30 a.m.

**Option 1 - Screening Location:** [Rutgers University-Camden](#) Campus Center, Main Level, 326 Penn Street, Camden, 08102. For parking, use the online [campus map](#) to locate Lot C14, on Third Street between Cooper and Pearl Streets. Registration is required. **To attend the live event,** [register online](#).

**Option 2 – Watch Live:** Live streaming will allow you to participate in the screening at the school or classroom level. **Participate through live stream by** [registering online](#). Upon registering, participants will receive a link to Rutgers University-Camden website to access the live event, program, and viewing guide.

We hope you can join us for this event as part of the Department's ongoing commitment to service.

- c: Members, State Board of Education
- Senior Staff
- Executive County Superintendents
- Executive Directors for Regional Achievement Centers
- Executive County Business Officials
- NJ LEE Group
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