



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: April 6, 2018  
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads  
Route To: Principals  
From: Lamont O. Repollet, Ed.D., Acting Commissioner of Education  
Deadline: April 27, 2018

## **Opportunities for Districts: School Climate Project, Tiered System of Supports**

In support of the Governor's agenda to provide all of our students with the tools they need to pursue their preferred career pathway, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is providing technical-assistance opportunities for school districts to improve school climate and systems of academic, behavioral, and health interventions. Improving school climate and providing a coordinated system of prevention, intervention and enrichment are two strategies that foster both academic and social-emotional learning. Through participation in these projects, selected districts will receive intensive support specific to district needs and will assist with the creation of tools and resources that will be disseminated statewide.

### **School Climate Transformation Project**

The School Climate Transformation Project (SCTP) is a three-year project designed to assist schools in building a positive school climate and culture that is inclusive of all students through utilization of the New Jersey School Climate Survey (NJSCS). Schools enrolled in the project will receive training and technical assistance from SCTP staff during spring 2018 and the 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years. School staff will administer the NJSCS as part of an overall school climate improvement process in which school staff will learn to use school-specific data to develop and implement a School Climate Improvement Plan (SCIP). Schools will also have access to newly developed tools and resources, including a strategy resource guide and diagnostic tools to support their efforts. Schools will also receive support funds up to \$2,000 for approved expenditures associated with the implementation of approved SCIP strategies.

To learn more about this opportunity, school officials are invited to take part in a question-and-answer phone conference on Thursday, April 12, 2018, from 2 to 2:30 p.m. The conference access number is (515) 603-3134 and the code is 592808#. Each school interested in participating in the SCTP must complete an application. Complete the [SCTP application](#) and email to [SchoolClimate@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:SchoolClimate@doe.state.nj.us) by **April 27, 2018**.

### **New Jersey Tiered System of Support Technical Assistance**

The New Jersey Tiered System of Supports is New Jersey's framework for interventions and supports based on Response to Intervention (RTI) and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). The Department is offering the opportunity for *two* school districts to receive 10 days of on-site technical assistance to initiate implementation of NJTSS in their districts. Consultants with extensive experience with tiered systems will work with district staff to assess what is currently in place and create a systemic approach to identifying who needs support, what support they need and how to measure student progress. Districts interested in receiving this on-site assistance should complete the [NJTSS application](#) and email it to [NJTSS@doe.nj.gov](mailto:NJTSS@doe.nj.gov) by **April 20, 2018**.

c: Members, State Board of Education  
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