



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: April 15, 2020
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: Principals, Science and Curriculum Supervisors, and Instructional Coaches
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NJDOE Seeks Educator Participation in the Creation of Science Instructional Units

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is focused on providing the resources necessary for New Jersey's 1.4 million public school students to obtain equitable access to high-quality education and achieve academic excellence. In shared pursuit of this mission, talented New Jersey educators have utilized the rigorous New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) to build and deliver effective curriculum, instruction, and assessments to students across the State. On August 22, 2019, the NJDOE released the [instructional units](#) tool in English Language Arts and Mathematics to support efforts to increase student achievement among New Jersey students.

Through the development of instructional units in science based on the 2020 NJSLS-Science¹, the NJDOE seeks to continue its support for schools, districts, and educators as they build and deliver effective curricula. Therefore, the NJDOE is seeking educators to participate in a summer initiative to create the K-12 instructional units in science. Educators with teaching experience in science will contribute to the development of the science instructional units over the course of approximately 10 working sessions throughout July and August 2020.

The development of the science instructional units will include collaboration with the Partnership for Collaborative Professional Learning at the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association in Monroe Township, NJ. The Partnership for Collaborative Professional Learning includes leadership from the major professional organizations in New Jersey.² Educators selected for this initiative will receive training on the [Connected Action Roadmap](#) process and educators not under contract with their school district during the summer initiative may be eligible to receive a stipend from the NJDOE for their participation.

The NJDOE is seeking the voices and expertise of educators who have diverse experiences working in New Jersey schools based on their:

- School context (e.g., K-12, higher education, urban/suburban/rural, north/central/south)
- Content expertise
- Years of teaching experience
- Role (e.g., teachers, teacher leaders, supervisors, principals, curriculum directors)

¹ Pending adoption (June 2020)

² American Federation of Teachers, Garden State Coalition, Learning Forward New Jersey, New Jersey Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, New Jersey Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, New Jersey Association of School Administrators, New Jersey Department of Education, New Jersey Education Association, New Jersey Parent Teacher Association, New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, New Jersey School Boards Association, New Jersey State Professional Learning Committee and The Madison Institute

Individuals interested in participating in the science instructional units initiative should respond to these [survey questions](#), send a resume to science@doe.nj.gov, and request that their principal or superintendent complete a [Statement of Assurance](#) by **May 15, 2020**. All applicants will be notified by email of their selection status.

Contact Information

For questions on the science instructional unit initiative, please contact science@doe.nj.gov.

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