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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads, Administrators

of Private Schools for Students with Disabilities, Administrators of Nonpublic Schools

Route To: All New Jersey Educators

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Deadline: March 13, 2020 (for presenter applications)

Call for Presenters for Annual Statewide Equity Conference

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is extending the deadline for presenters to submit applications to conduct training programs at the second annual statewide equity conference, "Equity in Action: Strengthening Teaching, Leading and Learning," to be held August 3 and 4.

School staff who are interested in presenting are invited to complete an application to present. Applications are due by 4 p.m. **Friday, March 13**. Please note this year's application process will include a short proposal form as well as a one- to four-minute video component. The application and video-component instructions are posted the <u>Statewide Equity Conference webpage</u>.

The NJDOE is seeking presenters from across the state to conduct engaging and interactive breakout sessions during the conference. These sessions should be designed to be collaborative, while focused on sharing best practices of equity in action in districtwide practices, school-based strategies, or equitable classrooms and/or instructional practices. Presentations may be given individually or in small teams of no more than four presenters.

About the Conference

The Equity in Action conference is designed to highlight educational expertise and promising practices from across the state to demonstrate what equity in action looks like in our districts, individual school buildings and classrooms. This year's conference will also feature student examples of equity in action.

Due to the positive response received at last summer's inaugural event, the conference is expanding to two days, and will be held August 3 and 4.

The sessions are designed to:

- Recognize educators, students, schools and districts that exemplify much of the best our state has to offer
- Showcase best practices in equity (e.g., exemplary educators, Local Education Agency partnerships)
- Provide collaborative learning environments for everyone involved

Questions about presenting or attending the conference should be sent to StatewideConference@doe.nj.gov.

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