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A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads  
Route To: Principals, Teachers and Guidance Councilors  
From: Peggy McDonald, Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Student Services

## Grant Opportunity for Schools: Schonwetter Holocaust Education Foundation

The Mark Schonwetter Holocaust Education Foundation announced today that their grant application for the 2020-21 school year will be available by the end of the first quarter of 2020.

### Key steps/actions

Grant applications will be available on the Mark Schonwetter Holocaust Education Foundation [grant opportunities](#) webpage. You can sign up now to be notified of when the grant application will be available.

### Background

The Mark Schonwetter Holocaust Education Foundation's mission is to expand and support Holocaust Education for students in schools around the country and to provide funds necessary for educators to implement curriculum into their lesson plans. The objective is to teach students the lessons to be learned from the past and how they relate to today. Funds can be used to purchase educational materials, help subsidize field trips, speaker costs or host assemblies and programs.

Mark Schonwetter frequently speaks to students in schools about his journey of survival as a young Jewish boy in Poland during the Holocaust. He survived, along with his mother and sister, by hiding in the forests as well as the homes of righteous Polish families. Over the last few years, Mark and his daughters, Ann S. Arnold and Isabella S. Fiske, have been sharing his story with adults of all ages, as well as students all over the Northeast. Through this journey, they have discovered one of the biggest obstacles that schools face with Holocaust Education is budget restraints. As a result, they established the foundation to raise funds to help aid schools in bringing these important lessons to students.

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