



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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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: February 28, 2020 (for presenter applications)

NJ Department of Education to Present Annual Statewide Equity Conference on August 3 and 4

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is excited to announce the second annual statewide equity conference titled "Equity in Action: Strengthening Teaching, Leading and Learning." Due to the overwhelmingly 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 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.

New Jersey consistently ranks among the top states in education, due to the excellence found in our schools and the collectivity of expertise across the state. We encourage districts to send teams of educators and identify potential student representatives to get involved, attend the conference and experience all it has to offer.

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

The NJDOE would like to include a much larger student component to the conference. If your district has student programs, activities, clubs, etc., that fit into the "Equity in Action" theme, please consider including them in our conference. More information regarding this opportunity and other conference specifics will be forthcoming.

Call for Presenters

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 any of the following areas: 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.

School staff who are interested in presenting are invited to complete an application to present. 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 will be posted by February 3 on the [Statewide Equity Conference webpage](#). Applications are due no later than *Friday, February 28 at 4 p.m.*

Questions should be sent to StatewideConference@doe.nj.gov.

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