



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: January 29, 2020 (*Updated Feb. 20 with an extension to the deadline*)
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: Principals
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Division of Field Services
Deadline: *Deadline extended to March 6, 2020*

Opportunity for Districts: School Climate Transformation Project

New Jersey school districts, charter schools and renaissance school projects are eligible to apply to participate in the fifth cohort of the School Climate Transformation Project (SCTP). The goal of this project is to help School Safety/School Climate Teams (SS/SCT) better evaluate and improve school climate with support from the Center for Applied Psychology, Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology at Rutgers University.

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 2020 and for school years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23. 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.

To learn more about this opportunity, school officials are invited to take part in a question-and-answer session on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, from 2 – 2:30 p.m. For meeting access information, please email SchoolClimate@doe.nj.gov.

Each school interested in participating in the SCTP must complete an [application](#) and email it to SchoolClimate@doe.nj.gov by March 6, 2020. By submitting an application for the SCTP, your school will also be considered for participation in a pilot of the revised New Jersey School Climate Survey in the fall of 2020. Schools that are not selected for the SCTP but qualify as pilot schools will receive links to the survey for students, staff and parents, as well as access to data reports.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the New Jersey Department of Education's Office of Student Support Services at (609) 376-9109.

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