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# 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, Nonpublic School Administrators  
Route To: Senior District Administrators, Principals, Supervisors, Teachers  
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## Professional Learning with Lighthouse Districts/Charters

The Lighthouse Initiative recognizes districts in New Jersey for illuminating the path toward academic improvement and student success. There are two upcoming opportunities for New Jersey educators to learn about the unique steps that these districts/charters have taken to foster progress and to be chosen as Lighthouse Districts/Charters by the New Jersey Department of Education.

### Opportunity 1: Lighthouse Showcase Webinars

Description:

These webinars will feature staff from Lighthouse School Districts/Charters. They will present about the practices they leverage for student improvement. The New Jersey Department of Education is excited to be able to provide this forum for them to share their innovative work.

Event Topics/Dates:

- [Leveraging Data for Improvement Webinar](#) – February 6, 2020 from 3-4 p.m.
- [Fostering Mental Wellness Webinar](#) – February 13, 2020 from 3-4 p.m.
- [Leveraging Teacher Leadership for Improvement Webinar](#) – February 27, 2020 from 3-4 p.m.

### Opportunity 2: Lighthouse Week District/Charter Visits

Description:

During the first week of March, the New Jersey Department of Education is showcasing Lighthouse Districts/Charters during Lighthouse Week 2020. Lighthouse Districts/Charters will open their doors to other educators from around the state so that educators can learn from their innovative practices. Convenings are one day events at districts. Host districts/charters will start visits by describing the strengths they have leveraged to improve student performance. Next, attendees will observe classrooms to be able to experience the practices of Lighthouse Districts/Charters firsthand.

Event Locations/Dates:

- [Highlands Borough School District Visit](#) – March 2, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- [TEAM Academy Charter School Visit](#) – March 2, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- [Washington Borough School District Visit](#) – March 2, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
- [Black Horse Pike Regional School District Visit](#) – March 3, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 10:30 pm
- [Somerville School District Visit](#) – March 3, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- [Mine Hill School District Visit](#) – March 3, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- [Ocean City School District Visit](#) – March 3, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- [Paul Robeson Charter School Visit](#) – March 4, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- [West Deptford School District Visit](#) – March 4, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- [Little Falls School District Visit](#) – March 4, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- [Perth Amboy Public Schools Visit](#) – March 5, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- [Red Bank Borough Public Schools Visit](#) – March 5, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- [Long Branch School District Visit](#) – March 5, 2020 from 1 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- [Cape May City School District Visit](#) – March 5, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- [Waterford Township School District Visit](#) – March 5, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Key steps/actions**

Use the event-specific links for both the Lighthouse Showcase Webinars and the Lighthouse Week visits, or navigate to the NJDOE's [Events webpage](#). Deadlines for registration vary depending upon event dates.

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