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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, Administrators of Nonpublic Schools and Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities
Route To: All New Jersey Educators
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Register by: July 24, 2020



Registration Open for NJDOE's Equity in Action Virtual Unconference on August 4

The Office of Professional Learning, in partnership with the Long Branch Public School District, cordially invites you to join us for the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) second annual statewide equity event, "Equity in Action: Strengthening Teaching, Leading and Learning in Unprecedented Times – A Virtual Unconference." This virtual event will be held **August 4, 2020**.

The virtual unconference is designed to respond to inequities brought to light during the pandemic, place a greater focus on tangible strategies for educators to implement immediately, and influence the equity and social justice work that is rapidly growing statewide. There will be various sessions in which participants will interact and engage in dialogue and courageous conversations with other educators across the state to share and exchange practical ideas about equity, visit virtual booths with NJDOE officials, and participate in self-care mini-sessions.

New Jersey consistently ranks among the top states in education, which is attributed to the excellence found within our schools. The event will feature practicing educators and will be an experience that utilizes the unconference format. An unconference is a loosely structured conference emphasizing the informal exchange of information and ideas between participants, rather than following a conventionally structured program of events, like a workshop. We hope you will consider joining us virtually to participate in these critical conversations. The unconference will offer sessions that are specified for district, school and classroom level roles. Space is limited to the first 1,000 participants. Please [register](#) by July 24, 2020. We anticipate this event will fill quickly.

If you have questions, please contact us at StatewideConference@doe.nj.gov. We look forward to seeing you on August 4!

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