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Webinars to Support Inclusive Education for Students with Disabilities

The Office of Special Education (OSE) would like to highlight five newly released, pre-recorded webinars that have been developed by the New Jersey Inclusive Education Technical Assistance (NJIETA) project to assist educators and families supporting students with disabilities. These webinars, which share evidence-based practices for including students with disabilities, are separated into a K-12 and preschool focus. The information in the webinars is applicable to the remote instruction environment that districts are operating within now and will remain relevant upon return to in-person instruction as well.

Available webinar topics include:

- Engaging Parents as Partner Educators
- COVID-19 Stressors and Families Yours and Your Students
- Promoting High Quality Early Childhood Inclusion During School Closure
- Utilizing Technology to Implement Inclusive Education in Remote Learning Environments
- Utilizing a Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Framework to Design Packet-Based Instruction

To access these free webinars, please visit the <u>NJIETA website</u>. The website has additional information regarding the overall goal of the NJIETA project and a full listing of quality resources for educators, families, and caregivers.

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