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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
Route To: Special Education Directors, Principals
From: Peggy McDonald, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Student Services
Apply By: May 31, 2020

Districts Invited to Apply for NJ Inclusive Education Technical Assistance Project

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is pleased to announce the launch of a new partnership with Montclair State University's Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health and the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education. This five-year collaboration, led by the NJDOE Office of Special Education, Division of Student Services, is designed to enhance school district capacity to effectively implement inclusive practices for students with disabilities, ages 3-21. This partnership will be referred to as the New Jersey Inclusive Education Technical Assistance (NJIETA) Project.

Through technical assistance, professional development, leadership development and other offerings, the NJIETA Project will engage educators and families in the planning, implementation, and expansion of inclusive opportunities. The NJIETA Project exemplifies the NJDOE's commitment to equity by supporting educators and families in their efforts to ensure that students with disabilities are educated among their same-aged peers. The NJIETA Project will embed inclusive practices into existing support and intervention systems, such as Response to Intervention (RTI), New Jersey Tiered System of Support (NJTSS), and Positive Behavioral Supports in Schools (PBSIS).

The NJIETA Project will offer support to school districts through three different avenues:

- A five-session Technical Assistance package,
- A Multi-year Systemic Change program, or
- Membership in the Inclusion Leadership Development Group

School districts need to apply by May 31, 2020 to take part in the program. Applications to apply for the above offerings are now available on the [NJIETA website](#). The website has additional information regarding the overall goal of the NJIETA Project and details about each of the above options.

In addition to the information on the website, NJIETA Project staff will conduct informational webinars on the following dates: May 13 from 10-11 a.m.; May 14 from 3-4 p.m.; and May 15 from 1-2 p.m. Please register on the [registration page](#) of the NJIETA website.

For questions, email OSEinfo@doe.nj.gov.

c: Members, State Board of Education
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