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# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads,  
Directors of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities  
Route To: Directors of Special Education  
From: Kim Buxenbaum, Director  
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## **New Brochure on Guardianship and Alternatives**

The New Jersey Department of Education's Offices of Special Education, in collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Office of Education and Children's System of Care, and the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Bureau of Guardianship Services, is pleased to announce the creation of a new resource brochure for educators and families on the topic of guardianship and alternatives for students with disabilities as they enter into adult life.

Topics addressed in the brochure include supported decision making, power of attorney, and guardianship. Two versions are posted on our website: one [document that is accessible](#) for people using screen readers, and another that can be printed and assembled as [a tri-fold brochure](#).

Please contact Bill Freeman at [bill.freeman@doe.nj.gov](mailto:bill.freeman@doe.nj.gov) and (609) 376-3734 for further information about this topic and [transition from school to adult life](#) for students with disabilities.

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