



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: September 30, 2020  
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads, Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities  
Route To: Special Education Directors, Principals, Reading Specialists  
From: Kim Buxenbaum Psy.D., Director, Office of Special Education  
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### **Professional Development Opportunity for Educators with a Focus on Literacy**

The New Jersey Department of Education's Office of Special Education is pleased to highlight a free webinar series produced by the AIM Institute for Learning and Research. The [Pathways to Practice: Virtual Teaching Techniques Webinar Series](#) is designed specifically for Elementary Teachers, Special Education Teachers and Reading/Literacy Specialists. This five-session webinar series is based on the science of reading and consists of tools, techniques, and ready-to-use online activity templates for educators teaching remotely or virtually.

The schedule and topics are as follows:

- Virtual Teaching Techniques on Vocabulary on Wednesday, September 30 from 7-8 p.m.;
- Virtual Teaching Techniques on Language Structures on Thursday, October 15 from 7-8 p.m.;
- Virtual Teaching Techniques on Inferencing Part One on Wednesday, October 28 from 7-8 p.m.;
- Virtual Teaching Techniques on Inferencing Part Two on Thursday November 12 from 7-8 p.m.;
- Virtual Teaching Techniques on Text Structure on Wednesday December 9 from 7-8 p.m.;

To obtain more information about this webinar series and registration details, visit the [AIM Institute website](#).

The AIM Institute website also provides a collection of [resources for parents, families and caregivers](#) that support children of various ages and learning need.

An additional set of resources for teaching literacy remotely that is focused on Pre-k to Grade 3 educators has been curated by AIM Institute, READ by 4<sup>th</sup> and the Drexel School of Education and can be accessed [here](#).

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