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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads, Administrators

of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

Route To: Directors of Special Education, Supervisors of Foreign Languages, Administrators of Programs for

Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

From: Peggy McDonald, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner

Division of Student Services

Register By: January 25, 2021

Free Virtual Professional Development for Educational Interpreters

The New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) Office of Special Education is sponsoring two (2) free video conference professional development opportunities for educational sign language interpreters. The workshops are presented by the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) Diagnostic Center at Boys Town National Research Hospital, which designs professional development programs to support educational interpreters in kindergarten through grade 12 classrooms.

Each live video conference will be streamed from 11 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Participants can access the video conferences remotely. The dates and topics are as follows:

- Saturday, February 6, 2021: Interpreting During Language Arts Time
- Saturday, April 10, 2021: Use of Space in Social Studies/Geography

Participants may register for one or both workshops. Please be advised that there is no registration fee but space is limited to 100 participants. Participants are encouraged to register via the NJDOE's <u>Calendar of Events</u> as soon as possible; January 25, 2021 is the deadline. Additional information regarding directions and presenters is also available online.

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