



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: January 6, 2021  
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School, and Renaissance School Project Leads, and Deans and Directors of Educator Preparation Providers  
Route To: School Leaders, Teaching Staff, Educational Services Professionals, Educator Preparation Faculty  
From: Lisa J. Gleason, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Academics and Performance  
Deadline: February 3, 2021

## NJDOE Seeks Applicants for the State Program Approval Council

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is seeking individuals to fill two [State Program Approval Council \(SPAC\)](#) openings for the next two-year term, beginning February 2021: one Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS) educator preparation provider representative and one preschool-grade 12 practitioner (teacher, school or district leader, or educational services professional). SPAC members benefit from opportunities for professional growth and networking as well as the opportunity to shape state decisions and policies around educator preparation that ultimately impact teacher quality and student success.

### Background

The SPAC is comprised of four representatives of CEAS educator preparation providers, three representatives of Certificate of Eligibility (CE) educator preparation providers, and four preschool-grade 12 practitioners. As per *N.J.A.C. 6A:9A-3.2(b)*, the members of the SPAC are appointed by the Commissioner of Education.

The role of the SPAC is to:

- Advise the Commissioner on matters pertaining to educator preparation quality;
- Participate in the program approval process for initial and substantially revised programs;
- Consider program information required for periodic review and recommend appropriate action regarding a program's status; and
- Make recommendations for program approval to the NJDOE.

Interested applicants must commit to:

- Serving a two-year term;
- Dedicating approximately 30 hours per year to carry out duties of the SPAC; and
- Attending up to four meetings (virtual or in-person) per year.

Membership on the SPAC is voluntary and does not include meals, mileage reimbursement, or stipends.

### SPAC Application Process

Applicants must submit an [application](#) and upload a current resume by February 3, 2021.

**Contact information:**

For questions, please email Kristen Blazsik at [kristen.blazsik@doe.nj.gov](mailto:kristen.blazsik@doe.nj.gov) in the NJDOE's Office of Recruitment and Preparation.

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