



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: July 21, 2022  
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities  
Route To: Directors of Pupil Services, Guidance Office Staff, CST Staff, Principals, Vice Principals, Counselors  
From: Kathy Ehling, Acting Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Student Services

## **New Jersey Comprehensive School Mental Health Services Regional Planning Sessions: How Can Schools Meet the Need?**

In an effort to support school districts in addressing the increased need for mental health services as a result of the pandemic, the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) Office of Special Education has partnered with the Northeast and Caribbean Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC) at Rutgers University to provide three regional technical assistance sessions designed to support schools in developing school-based mental health services and supports. During these sessions, the MHTTC will provide an overview of comprehensive school mental health services, strategies for identifying needs, and ideas for how to target funds to specific tiers and gaps in existing services (with emphasis on the use of COVID-relief funding).

**NJDOE staff will be available during the sessions to address questions and provide support.**

Please select from the following dates:

- Central New Jersey Region: Tuesday, July 27, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Please register [here](#) in advance.
- Southern New Jersey and New Jersey Shore Region: Thursday, July 29, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Please register [here](#) in advance.
- Northern New Jersey Region: Tuesday, August 10, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Please register [here](#) in advance.

*You are encouraged to attend your region-specific meeting but are welcome to join another meeting as your schedule allows.*

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