Date: March 24, 2021

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

of Private Schools for Students with Disabilities, Administrators of Nonpublic Schools

Route To: All New Jersey Educators

From: Lisa Gleason, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner

Division of Academics and Performance

Deadline: April 23, 2021 (for presenter applications)

Call for Presenters: Third Annual New Jersey Department of Education Statewide Equity Conference to Be Held on August 3, 2021

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is excited to announce the third annual <u>statewide equity</u> <u>conference</u> titled "Critical Conversations for a More Equitable Future." The virtual event will take place on August 3, 2021. The conference is designed to highlight the educational expertise and promising practices of educators and students from across the state who are engaged in critical conversations about equity in light of the challenges posed by the pandemic.

More information regarding conference specifics will be forthcoming.

Call for Presenters

The NJDOE is seeking educators from across the State to participate in the conference as presenters and conduct engaging and interactive one-hour breakout sessions during the conference. As stated above, sessions will focus on sharing promising practices and leading critical conversations about equity in the classroom, school, and at the district levels, addressing learning and social emotional needs of students in light of the pandemic. Presentations may be given individually or in small teams of no more than four presenters.

Presenters will lead sessions that promote:

- Culturally Responsive & Sustainable Practices;
- Educational Equity at the Classroom Level;
- Building Equitable School Level Programs; and
- Building Equitable District Level Programs.

School staff who are interested in presenting are invited to submit a proposal through this <u>online session proposal</u> form no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact us at StatewideConference@doe.nj.gov.

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