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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: School District Grant Specialists, School District Curriculum and Instruction Supervisors
From: Lisa J. Gleason, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner
Division of Academics and Performance
Deadlines: Deadline to register for technical assistance workshop: May 18, 2021
Deadline to submit grant application: June 17, 2021

Middle Grades Career Awareness and Exploration Program Notice of Grant Opportunity

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is pleased to announce the release of the Middle Grades Career Awareness and Exploration Program Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO). This limited competitive grant initiative, funded through federal Perkins Innovation funds, provides up to \$52,190 for up to 21 regionally diverse local education agencies (LEA) to develop and implement middle grades career awareness and exploration programs in key industry pathways in New Jersey that build awareness of career and technical education (CTE) programs at the secondary level.

The goal of this program is to empower students by providing early access to engaging career-focused instruction and unique experiences that build self-awareness, increase focused direction in high school, and ignite interest and passion for high-skill, high-wage and in-demand careers. This is a one-year grant opportunity with continuation funding for an additional two years determined upon the availability of funding and program progress. The expected grant start date for Year One is September 1, 2021 and the end date is scheduled for June 30, 2022.

The Middle Grades Career Awareness and Exploration Program NGO is now available on the NJDOE's Office of Grants Management [website](#). Grant applications will be completed by using the Electronic Web Enabled Grants (EWEG) System accessed through NJDOE [Homeroom](#). The grant application deadline is 4:00 p.m. on June 17, 2021. A technical assistance workshop will be held via webinar on May 19, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. [Preregistration](#) is required by May 18, 2021.

For more information regarding the NGO, please direct questions to [David McNair](#), CTE Program Specialist, with the NJDOE's Office of Career Readiness. For technical assistance regarding access to EWEG, please direct questions to the [EWEG help](#) email account.

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