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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route to: Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction, Principals, Supervisors, Instructional Coaches, Elementary and Secondary Teachers
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Learning Acceleration Guidance and Resources for the New School Year

As [announced](#) in June 2021, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE)'s [Learning Acceleration Guide](#) and [website](#) summarize the developing base of literature on learning acceleration approaches and share promising practices from New Jersey schools. In that Guide, the NJDOE recommends that the following four principles guide learning acceleration planning and implementation:

1. Provide conditions for teaching and learning that will foster social and emotional well-being of students, families and educators.
2. Improve equitable access to grade level content and high-quality resources for each student.
3. Prioritize content and learning by focusing on the depth of instruction, rather than the pace.
4. Implement a K-12 accelerated learning cycle to identify gaps and scaffold as needed.

Learning Acceleration Overview Webinar

The NJDOE will provide an overview of the Learning Acceleration guide and the associated resources for school and district leaders. The webinar is scheduled for September 15, 2021 at 3 p.m.; [registration](#) is required.

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