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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: Principals, Supervisors of Gifted and Talented Education Programs, Teachers
From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Educational Services

Structuring Gifted and Talented Professional Development for Educators Technical Assistance Session

In response to the most pressing need identified in a recent survey to the Gifted and Talented Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Act Committee, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is pleased to announce a technical assistance session focused on Structuring Gifted and Talented Professional Development for Educators. The session will be held on **January 20, 2022, from 3 to 4 p.m.**

Invited presenters include experts from the [United States Department of Education \(USDE\) Office of School Support and Accountability](#). This office is directly responsible for programs that improve the quality and effectiveness of teachers, principals, and other school leaders. Presenters will offer insight into the expansive professional development opportunities for gifted-and-talented educators, and how these opportunities can be funded utilizing [ESSA Title II, A funds](#). In addition to USDE, there will be a best practice presentation from Manchester Township School District on developing a well-structured professional development plan based on the identified interests and needs of the teachers, school leaders, educational services personnel, and student achievement data. Also, co-chairs of the Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Advisory Committee will share additional professional development resources along with other considerations for professional development planners.

Participants are encouraged to register for the January 20, 2022 session on the [NJDOE Events Registration webpage](#).

Contact Information

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