

Date:March 30, 2022To:Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with<br/>Disabilities, Directors of Nonpublic SchoolsRoute To:Teachers, School Administrators, School Counselors, Social Workers, Student Assistance<br/>Coordinators and School PsychologistsFrom:Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner<br/>Division of Educational Services

## Professional Development Modules for Educators on Social and Emotional Learning

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is excited to announce the release of professional development modules for educators on social and emotional learning (SEL). At a time when it is more important than ever to foster and embrace SEL skill development, educators can acquire a more in-depth understanding of SEL and of the SEL competencies through the following modules:

- Module 1 Introduction to Social and Emotional Learning
- Module 2 Self-Awareness
- Module 3 Self-Management
- Module 4 Social Awareness
- Module 5 Responsible Decision-Making
- Module 6 Relationship Skills

The modules are designed as a turnkey program to ensure that educators can use their SEL professional learning to support the SEL growth of their students. Each module includes a PowerPoint slide deck, a facilitation guide with a suggested script, supplemental activities, and associated hand-outs.

These modules and facilitation guides have built-in flexibility to best fits the needs and time constraints of educators. The modules may be completed as part of large group trainings, within professional learning communities (PLCs), or individually. Moreover, each module can be completed in one large session, or they can be broken up into shorter multiple sessions to be completed as time allows.

The modules can be accessed from the <u>NJDOE SEL webpage</u>. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Student Support Services at <u>SchoolClimate@doe.nj.gov</u>.

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