Date: April 5, 2023

To: Local Educational Agency Leads

Route To: Principals, Adminstrators, School Counselors, Child Study Team Members, School Safety Specialists,

Teaches, Paraprofessionals, Other Interested School Staff

From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner

**Division of Educational Services** 

## Behavior Supports and Interventions Website Release – Office of Special Education

The New Jersey Department of Education's Office of Special Education (OSE) is pleased to announce the launch of a new website, <u>Behavior Supports and Interventions</u>, which provides behavioral resources for schools and families. The website will be hosted on the Office of Special Education website under the Specialized Program's <u>Interventions</u>, <u>Supports and Initiatives</u> tab.

The website offers resources for educators, families, and community members seeking evidence-based practices to support student behavior and social-emotional development. The website includes a range of resources and will have ongoing updates. Additionally, the landing page highlights upcoming projects and recently released resources, including the "General Information for School Employees Conducting a Functional Behavioral Assessment" document.

The Office of Special Education understands that student behavior can be challenging, and the website aims to provide a starting point for effective strategies and general guidance to help schools and families create a positive and supportive environment. The New Jersey Department of Education is committed to improving outcomes for all students, and the launch of this website is an important step towards achieving this goal.

Questions regarding these resources, should be sent to <a href="OSEinfo@doe.nj.gov">OSEinfo@doe.nj.gov</a>. For technical assistance requests, please visit the OSE's <a href="Technical Assistance">Technical Assistance</a>, <a href="Professional Development">Professional Development</a> and <a href="Engagement">Engagement</a> webpage.

 Members, State Board of Education Garden State Coalition of Schools NJDOE Staff Statewide Parent Advocacy Network NJ LEE Group