



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: August 9, 2023
To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: Principals, Directors of Student Support Services, Directors of Special Education, Child Study Team Members, Teachers
From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Educational Services
Deadline: August 31, 2023

Call for Applicants for the New Jersey Inclusion Project

Local educational agencies (LEAs) are invited to apply for the New Jersey Inclusion Project (NJIP) for the 2023-2024 academic year. The NJIP is a partnership between the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) Office of Special Education (OSE) and the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education (NJCIE). This three-year collaboration led by the OSE is designed to enhance capacity to effectively implement inclusive practices for students with disabilities, grades K-12.

Through technical assistance, professional development, leadership development and other offerings, the NJIP will engage educators and families in the planning, implementation, and expansion of inclusive opportunities. The NJIP will embed inclusive practices into existing support and intervention systems, such as Response to Intervention, New Jersey Tiered System of Support, and Positive Behavioral Supports in Schools. The NJIP will offer free support through two different avenues:

- A five-session Technical Assistance package, or
- A multi-year Systemic Change program.

LEAs must apply by August 31, 2023 to take part in the program for the 2023-2024 school year. Applications to apply for the above offerings are available on the [NJCIE webpage](#). The webpage has additional information regarding the overall goal of the New Jersey Inclusion Project and details about each of the above options. For questions, email team@njcie.org.

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