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Maximizing Schedules to Support Learning Acceleration Resource Release

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is excited to announce the release of [Maximizing Schedules to Support Learning Acceleration](#). This resource, part of the New Jersey Partnership for Student Success (NJPSS) Initiative, provides information on the advantages of flexible scheduling, with the purpose of adding time for a learning acceleration block designed to meet students' needs. It also serves as a resource for local education agencies (LEAs) to reimagine the purpose of a flexible period for schools who currently have this time in place.

To meet these aims, this resource highlights several common scheduling approaches and demonstrates ways to reallocate time for learning acceleration, detailing select elementary, middle and high school examples currently employed across the state. Recognizing that every school environment is unique, the sample schedules contained within this document can be used as starting points to support the customization process of master schedules which fit each LEA's community. Finally, the resource creates an opportunity to reimagine how this time can be used as an opportunity for students to receive evidence-based interventions such as High Impact Tutoring.

Technical Assistance Sessions

Two separate virtual technical assistance sessions will be offered on April 25, 2023 and April 27, 2023. Each will take place from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. To join either of these sessions, LEAs can sign up on the NJDOE's [Events Registration Webpage](#).

Contact information

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