



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: September 20, 2023
To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Nonpublic School Administrators
Route To: Principals, Teachers, School Counselors
From: Angelica Allen-McMillan, Ed.D.
Acting Commissioner of Education
Deadline: November 15, 2023

Holiday Cards for our Military Challenge

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is partnering with the New Hampshire Department of Education to spread holiday cheer through the Holiday Cards for our Military Challenge. The goal of the Holiday Cards for our Military Challenge is the collection and delivery of personalized, signed expressions of respect, caring, and gratitude to United States troops, veterans, and service families. Personalized and signed cards reflect genuine support and caring, respect, and appreciation of our military heroes during the winter holiday season.

The NJDOE encourages schools statewide to participate in this worthy endeavor to create holiday cards that will be sent to soldiers overseas. Please visit [Holiday Cards for our Military Challenge](#) for more information, or email holidaycardsnh@gmail.com.

Card Signing Guidelines

Address each card to "Dear Warrior," and write a holiday greeting and/or personal note. Sign the cards mutually as a group or individually, using **first names only**, and include the hometown and state. Students may write as many cards as they want. Cards should be no larger than an 8x11-size paper folded in half. Envelopes for each card are not required; however, if you have them, do not seal or address them.

Shipment Information

The package of cards should be addressed to:

Laura Landerman-Garber
Holiday Card Challenge
PO Box 103
Hollis, New Hampshire 03049

If using FedEx or UPS, please address to:

Holiday Card Challenge
5 Hutchings Drive
Suite 100 Unit 103
Hollis, New Hampshire 03049

The deadline to package and send cards is **Wednesday, November 15th**.

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