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2023 Lighthouse Award Recipients

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is proud to announce the 2023 Lighthouse Awardees. Since its inception in 2017, this award has recognized local education agencies (LEAs) that have demonstrated measurable progress in specific areas. This year's focus continues to be educational improvement in equity to support Governor Murphy's vision for a stronger, fairer and more affordable New Jersey. The NJDOE is pleased to honor five extraordinary LEAs for their work in illuminating a path towards equitable educational improvements for others to follow.

The 2023 Lighthouse Awardees are as follows:

Increasing Equity in Dual Enrollment	Increasing Equity in Advance Placement/International Baccalaureate Enrollment	Increasing Diversity in the Teacher Workforce
Middlesex County Vocational and Technical School District	Palmyra Public School District	Philip's Academy Charter School
Morris County Vocational School District	Union County Vocational School District	

Throughout this award term, Lighthouse Awardees will be asked to exchange ideas and practices with others throughout the state. This includes conducting school visits, sharing lessons learned, and assisting the NJDOE in extending support in the award categories to LEAs throughout the state.

NJDOE is pleased to congratulate these LEAs on their outstanding achievements. Additional information regarding the 2023 cohort of Lighthouse Awardees can be found [here](#). NJDOE is committed to support LEAs in efforts to improve educational opportunities for all students.

Contact Information

For more information about the Lighthouse Awards program or this year's cohort, please contact EduEval@doe.nj.gov.

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