

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads

Route To: School District Grant Specialists, School District Curriculum and Instruction Supervisors, School District Directors of Counseling and Guidance

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Deadline: March 14, 2024

Teacher Climate and Culture Innovation Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO)

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is excited to announce the release of a grant opportunity designed to incentivize local educational agencies (LEAs) to address teacher climate and culture with the specific focus of exploring strategies aimed at reclaiming teacher time.

The Teacher Climate and Culture Innovation NGO provides LEAs with the opportunity to develop policies, programming, guidance and/or equivalencies (PPGEs) aimed at reclaiming teacher time through the reduction of administrative paperwork and other tasks which diverts teacher attention from classroom instruction. It is intended that the PPGEs developed will be shared and replicated statewide.

NGO Application Deadline Dates

The Teacher Climate and Culture Innovation NGO is open to all public LEAs and is now available on the NJDOE's <u>Office of Grants Management webpage</u>. The NGO application will be completed using the Electronic Web-Enabled Grants (EWEG) System accessed through the NJDOE's <u>Homeroom</u> web portal. The NGO application must be **submitted by 4 p.m. on March 14, 2024**. Specific details regarding the NGO and the application can be found through the EWEG system.

Technical Assistance Webinar

A webinar to support districts with the application process will be held by NJDOE on **February 20, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**, please register <u>here</u>.

Contact Information

For more information regarding these opportunities please direct questions to <u>EduEval@doe.nj.gov</u>. For technical assistance regarding access to EWEG, please direct questions to <u>EWEGhelp@doe.nj.gov</u>.

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