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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Nonpublic Schools, Administrators of Approved Private Schools

Route To: Principals, Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Supervisors, Directors of School Counseling, Directors of Student Services, Student Safety Specialists, School Nurses, Teachers

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Division of Educational Services

Register by: January 16, 2024

Two-Part Webinar Series on Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention within Schools

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Human trafficking is a crime that has been reported in all 50 states with children and youth being common targets of related exploitation. It is critical that school staff members are properly trained and prepared to respond to instances of suspected trafficking.

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is pleased to offer interested school staff the opportunity to attend a two-part training series on human trafficking which includes information on risk factors, warning signs, and how schools can support and promote the awareness and prevention of human trafficking.

Webinar Information

In alignment with the [Guidelines for Schools on the Prevention of Human Trafficking of Students](#), this two-part series will offer the following:

- Part I: An overview of what human trafficking is, its risk factors, recruitment tactics of traffickers, behavioral indicators of trafficking, and reporting and response protocols.
- Part II: Suggestions for ways in which schools can incorporate and provide prevention and awareness education utilizing a tiered systems of support lens on not only human trafficking specifically, but also on broader skills that can serve as protective factors for students.

Interested attendees should register for each session via NJDOE's calendar of events. [Part I \(Human Trafficking 101 101: The Basics for School Staff\)](#) will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 and [Part II \(Human Trafficking: Supporting Prevention and Awareness within Schools\)](#) will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024.

Contact information

For any questions, please contact the Office of Student Support Services at SafeSupportiveSchools@doe.nj.gov or by phone at 609-376-9109.

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