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Route To: Principals, Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction, Supervisors, Instructional Coaches, and Teachers
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New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) Learning Lounge

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is pleased to announce an exciting lineup of virtual professional development opportunities for educators statewide through January 2025. In response to the continued demand for flexible, content-rich training, the NJDOE is relaunching the NJSLS Learning Lounge—an innovative series of virtual monthly sessions designed to empower both teachers and administrators to enhance their practice.

Building on last year's success, the NJSLS Learning Lounge continues to offer a transformative platform for meaningful dialogue, valuable insights, and practical strategies for teachers, educational services professionals, supervisors, and administrators. These virtual sessions will feature enhanced interactive participation, expanded opportunities to share best practices, in-depth collaborative discussions, and actionable takeaways for immediate classroom and school-wide implementation.

Notably, the NJSLS Learning Lounge now includes dedicated sessions specifically tailored for administrators, addressing their unique challenges and responsibilities. These administrator-focused sessions will run parallel to teacher-oriented offerings, ensuring comprehensive professional development across all levels of educational leadership. These sessions intend to offer insights that will set administrators up for success in navigating a complex educational landscape, fostering innovation, and effectively supporting their staff and students.

First semester offerings begin in September 2024 and run through January 2025. Registration is required; search "Lounge" on the [NJDOE Calendar of Events](#). There is no cost to attend. Registration will close when capacity is reached and/or one day before the session.

Contact Information

For questions about the NJSLS Learning Lounge, please contact Standards@doe.nj.gov.

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