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To: Local Educational Agency Leads

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2024-2025 State Seal of Biliteracy Program Participation and Updates

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) announces support for the 2024-2025 school year implementation of the New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy. Graduating high school and adult high school students who have demonstrated proficiency in English and one or more additional languages are eligible to attain the New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy. For detailed information on eligibility criteria, please visit the New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy webpage.

Key steps/actions

To indicate participation in the State Seal of Biliteracy program, school districts should include or update the district Biliteracy Coordinator in the County/District/School (CDS) information system, located on the NJDOE Homeroom webpage. This information will be used for all communication about the Seal of Biliteracy.

NJDOE's webinars for implementing the Seal of Biliteracy are open for registration; please see the NJDOE's Calendar of Events website to register. Webinars will be held on October 16, 21, and November 15, 2024. Additional supports are offered throughout the year and available on the New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy webpage under "Resources."

For those familiar with the Seal of Biliteracy program, a video with updates is provided in the <u>Seal of Biliteracy</u> <u>Implementation Video Series</u>, and office hours will be held on October 23, 2024. Please see the <u>NJDOE's Calendar of Events website</u> to register for these office hours.

Contact Information

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