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A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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 To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities
 Route To: Building Administrators, Directors of Guidance, Special Education Directors, Child Study Team Members, Teachers
 From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner
 Division of Educational Services

Release of the Emotional and Behavioral Program Quality Indicators (EBPQIs) and Statewide Information Sessions

The New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) Office of Special Education (OSE) is pleased to announce the release of the [Emotional and Behavioral Program Quality Indicators \(EBPQIs\)](#) tool. These indicators were developed through collaboration with a diverse group of stakeholders from the field to ensure that the tool is both relevant and practical.

The EBPQIs, designed for kindergarten through 12th grade, serve as a self-assessment and quality improvement guide for emotional and behavioral programs. This document aims to assist school practitioners and administrators to improve programming, foster transparency with families to enhance collaboration, and establish a replicable framework for inclusive education to facilitate placement in the least restrictive environment (LRE). It identifies and promotes evidence-based, high-leverage practices for effective programming, reinforces positive, proactive school discipline procedures, and encourages non-biased considerations for economically disadvantaged students, as well as those from diverse racial, ethnic backgrounds, and non-English-speaking families.

The OSE is hosting virtual information sessions to enhance understanding of the EBPQIs and their intended application.

Information Session Date	Time
February 24, 2025	10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
February 25, 2025	2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
March 13, 2025 (as part of the Winter Learning Institute)	12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Please register for one of the information sessions using the registration links above. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with further details and access to the online session. NJDOE encourages all educators, administrators, and other stakeholders to attend one of the information sessions.

Contact Information

For questions, please contact the Office of Special Education at OSEinfo@doe.nj.gov.

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