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# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

## Winter Learning Institute 2025: “Reaching the Edges”

The Office of Special Education is excited to announce the 2nd Annual Winter Learning Institute 2025 (WLI 2025)! With this year’s theme, “*Reaching the Edges*,” we will focus on strategies and initiatives that ensure equitable outcomes for all students. By improving policies, practices, and procedures, we will empower educators, families, and stakeholders to better serve every learner. Expect a mix of sessions led by New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) experts, as well as collaborative presentations with external organizations.

Each day of the WLI 2025 is centered around a specific thematic strand. The themes for each day are as follows:

- **Monday:** Strategies and Supports
- **Tuesday:** Least Restrictive Environment
- **Wednesday:** Attendance and Discipline
- **Thursday:** Quality Improvement
- **Friday:** Family Engagement

### About the Offerings

Over ten (10) sessions will be offered for administrators, teachers, child study team members, families, and other stakeholders from March 10th through March 14th. Sessions will be held virtually each day at the designated times listed below:

- AM Session\*: 10 AM to 11:30 AM
- PM Session (Lunch and Learn): 12 PM to 1:30 PM

### How to Access and Register for the Winter Learning Institute

The [Winter Learning Institute website](#) provides registration links and user-friendly access to learning opportunities.

- After reviewing the offerings, click on the presentation title for the session, and complete the registration form associated with your preferred session(s).
- After registering, you will receive an email confirmation for each event you register for.
- Reminders will be sent out 48-72 hours prior to the event(s).

The NJDOE continues to promote its vision to empower all educators, families, and other stakeholders with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to ensure that students, including students with disabilities, graduate into competitive, integrated employment, postsecondary education, and active community involvement.

### Contact Information

For questions, please contact the Office of Special Education at [TAEdServices@doe.nj.gov](mailto:TAEdServices@doe.nj.gov).

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