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To: Deans and Directors, Chief School Administrators

Route To: Educator Preparation Programs, School Leaders, Educators, Educational Services Professionals

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Deadline: August 15, 2025

The New Jersey Department of Education’s State Program Approval Council (SPAC)

The New Jersey Department of Education (Department) is accepting applications for interested individuals serving on the State Program Approval Council (SPAC). The next two-year term begins November 1, 2025.

Background

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9A-3.2(a), the Commissioner shall appoint a State Program Approval Council comprised of no more than eleven members who shall serve two-year, renewable terms. The Council shall be comprised of:

- Four representatives from approved certificate of eligibility with advanced standing educator preparation programs;
- Three representatives from approved certificate of eligibility educator preparation programs; and
- Four educators from preschool through grade 12 schools.

The role of the SPAC is to:

- Advise the Commissioner on matters pertaining to educator preparation quality;
- Participate in the program approval process for initial and substantially revised programs;
- Consider program information required for periodic review and recommend appropriate action regarding a program’s status; and
- Make recommendations for program approval to the Commissioner.

While SPAC is voluntary, participants must commit to serving approximately 40 hours per year to carry out the duties of the council and attend up to four meetings (virtual or in-person) per year. Benefits to members include opportunities for professional growth, networking, and supporting educator quality and student success.

SPAC Application Process

To be considered for the SPAC, please complete the following by **Friday, August 15, 2025**:

- Complete [this form](#)
- Submit your resume/CV to eppapproval@doe.nj.gov using the subject line “SPAC Application.”

The Department welcomes all applicants. Previous applicants and Council members will be considered.

Contact information

For questions, please contact Timothy Hart-Ruiz at timothy.hart-ruiz@doe.nj.gov.

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