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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
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Division of Teaching and Learning Services
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The Promising Practices Project: A Summit on Learning Innovations and Acceleration

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), in partnership with the New Jersey State Policy Lab and the Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies at Rutgers University, is excited to announce the **Promising Practices Project: A Summit on Learning Innovations and Acceleration** to be held on **Monday, April 7, 2025**, at Rutgers University.

The [Promising Practices Project](#) is a research initiative which identifies and aims to spotlight innovative and promising practices that New Jersey schools leveraged to accelerate student learning during the pandemic years. The study focused on schools that exceeded predicted performance in English Language Arts and/or mathematics, particularly for diverse student groups such as English learners, students with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged students.

Educators are invited to attend the summit to discover the innovative and promising practices uncovered by the study, and to consider and possibly replicate the identified practices in their own schools and districts. Attendees will gain a comprehensive understanding of the project's purpose, methodology, and major findings. They will engage in peer-to-peer discussions about the implementation of promising practices in various schools. Ample opportunities will be provided for attendees to connect with colleagues across the state for mutual learning and to continue conversations on implementing these practices. Additionally, attendees will participate in focused breakout sessions to dive deeper into specific topics and strategies, with support in developing actionable plans for their own schools.

Event Information

Date: Monday, April 7, 2025

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Address: Rutgers University: New Brunswick, Busch Student Center
604 Bartholomew Road, Piscataway, NJ, 08854

If you are interested in attending, please register by March 28, 2025 using [this link](#).

Contact Information

For more information regarding the Promising Practices Project: Summit on Learning Innovations and Acceleration, please direct questions to promisingpractices@ejb.rutgers.edu.

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