



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Education Agency Leads, Directors of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

Route To: Preschool Program Administrators

From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Educational Services

Deadline: May 23, 2025

## **Call for Applicants for the New Jersey Preschool Inclusive Education Project (NJPIEP)**

The New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) Office of Special Education (OSE), in collaboration with the Montclair State University Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health (CAECMH), is pleased to invite Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to apply for the *Systemic Change* program for the 2025-26 academic year. This initiative is designed to empower school districts to effectively implement inclusive practices for preschool students with disabilities.

Through this collaboration, the NJPIEP team will assist districts in embedding inclusive practices into existing support and intervention systems as part of a multi-year *Systemic Change* program. This program offers specialized professional learning for special and general education administrators, educators, support staff, families, and caregivers to implement inclusive education in preschool settings.

The application deadline is May 23, 2025. Separate applications are available for districts with and without Preschool Expansion Aid Funding. All are encouraged to apply.

For more information and to submit your application, please refer to the following links:

[NJPIEP-SC Application \(Funded sites\)](#)

[NJPIEP-SC Application \(Unfunded sites\)](#)

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