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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: District Directors of Special Education, Child Study Teams Members, Related Service Providers, Teachers, and Board-Certified Behavior Analysts

From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Educational Services

Deadline: December 19, 2025

Call for Presentation Proposals: 2026 Statewide Virtual Autism in Education Conference

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), Office of Special Education (OSE), is pleased to announce the 2026 Statewide Virtual Autism in Education Conference, a one-day professional learning event focused on educators working with students with autism. We are currently accepting presentation proposals from teachers, school leaders, child study team members, service providers, and professional development facilitators to present a 60-minute virtual live session between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2026. We welcome sessions tailored to all educational settings, kindergarten through high school, including special classes, resource rooms, co-teaching models, and general education inclusion supports.

This conference is specifically designed to support educators in public schools who seek high-quality, evidence-based strategies to better serve students with autism. With ongoing challenges such as limited time, staffing, and access to consistent training, this virtual event will provide a much-needed opportunity for participants to learn, collaborate, and grow, all at no cost.

We are looking for proposals that:

- Highlight evidence-based instructional strategies for students with autism.
- Support inclusive classroom practices aligned with Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) requirements.
- Support practical classroom tools, visuals, routines, and supports that educators can implement immediately.
- Feature collaborative educator or practitioner panels that reflect real-world success and challenges.
- Center on educational equity, engagement, and access for students with autism.

Our Goals:

- Strengthen educators' capacity to support students with autism in inclusive settings.
- Promote high-leverage, research-informed practices in New Jersey schools.
- Align with state priorities around LRE, equity, and improved student outcomes.
- Provide a space for educators to learn from other professionals across the state.

Submission Details:

- **Proposal deadline:** December 19, 2025
- **Submit to:** [Submission Form Portal](#)
- **Selected presenters will be notified by:** January 30, 2026
- Presentations will be delivered live via Microsoft Teams on April 17, 2025, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. EST. Selected presenters will be provided with detailed instructions prior to the conference date.
- Presenters should be available for live Q&A and engagement with attendees on the day of the event.

Join us in uplifting New Jersey's educators and sharing what works in autism education. Whether you're a classroom teacher, speech-language specialist, school-based BCBA, or district administrator, we invite you to submit a proposal and help advance inclusive, high-quality education for students with autism.

Contact information

For additional information or assistance please email OSEInfo@doe.nj.gov.

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