



# STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

**Date:** April 22, 2026

**To:** Local Educational Agency Leads

**Route To:** District Directors of Curriculum and Instruction, District Directors of Special Education and Pupil Services, Administrators, District Supervisors of Special Education, All District Principals, Assistant/Vice Principals, Child Study Teams, Related Service Providers, Interventionists, School Counselors

**From:** Kimberly A. Murray, Ed.D., Acting Assistant Commissioner  
Educational Services

**Register by:** April 29, 2026, 10 a.m.

## **Professional Learning Opportunity: Advancing NJTSS in Secondary Settings**

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), in partnership with Rutgers University, invites you to the third webinar in our New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJTSS) series. This session is designed as a stand-alone learning opportunity and does not require participation in previous webinars; however, attendees with a basic understanding of tiered systems of supports may be better prepared to engage in the secondary-specific strategies and tools discussed.

**Part Three: Advancing NJTSS in Secondary Settings** offers a unique opportunity to learn from content experts through multiple breakout sessions. Participants will select from focused topics including designing Tier 2 behavior interventions, implementing early warning systems, building comprehensive school-based mental health services, developing effective scheduling practices for intervention delivery, and strengthening school climate. This format allows you to customize your learning experience based on your district's most pressing needs in secondary settings.

Featured expert speakers include Dr. Sharon Lohrmann on planning Tier 2 behavior intervention systems, Dr. Jennifer Foster on early warning systems for student success, Samantha Durrance on scheduling approaches to intervention at the secondary level, Dr. Alicia Raia-Hawrylak on integrating school climate into NJTSS, and Allison Casal-Dunn and Stuart Luther on aligning mental health and academic supports.

For those interested in exploring content from previous sessions, all webinar recordings and resources are available at the [Rutgers Guiding Success website](#). While these materials provide helpful context, they are not prerequisites for participating in this session.

## Advancing NJTSS in Secondary Settings\*\*

Webinar Topics	Intended Audience	Location	Date	Registration Link
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Participants will choose from breakout sessions addressing Tier 2 behavior intervention systems, early warning indicators and response protocols, secondary intervention scheduling models, comprehensive mental health framework integration, and data-driven school climate strategies within NJTSS. <a href="#">Please see the flyer here.</a></li></ul>	Administrators, school leaders, program coordinators, school counselors, interventionists	Virtual	Date: 4/29/2026 Time: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Registration Link</a>

### Registration

1. [Register](#) through Rutgers free Continuing Education online portal\*.
2. If you do not have an account, please create one by completing the Registrant Profile.
3. Once the Registrant Profile has been created, please Login.
4. Review the course description, click "Add to cart," and "Check out."
5. Save or print your confirmation page.
6. Review or watch the first two webinars on the [Rutgers Guiding Success website](#).

\*Registration is free and includes a certificate upon completion.

\*\*For optimal participation, schools and districts are strongly encouraged to have participating team members gather in person for the session. Participants may also find it helpful to have documentation describing their current referral procedures readily available to support reflection and the development of recommendations that build on existing practices.

### Contact Information

For additional information or help, please email [njtss@doe.nj.gov](mailto:njtss@doe.nj.gov). For additional resources on the New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJTSS), please visit the [New Jersey Tiered System of Supports](#) website and the [NJDOE Office of Student Support Services](#). For further resources and upcoming training, be sure to check out the [NJTSS Resources](#) website on a regular basis.