



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: February 18, 2026

To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

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

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Register By: March 4, 2026

Professional Learning Opportunity: Three-Part Webinar Series

Part Two: Navigating the Intersection of the New Jersey Tiered System of Supports and Students with Special Needs

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), in partnership with Rutgers University, is excited to offer a three-part series of webinars on the New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJTSS). This offering builds on a foundational understanding of NJTSS and clarifies its relationship with the special education referral and eligibility processes.

The first webinar in this series, *Part One: Connecting the New Jersey Tiered System of Supports and Intervention and Referral Services* can be found [here](#). The password is NJDOE.

The second webinar in the series, *Part Two: Navigating the Intersection of NJTSS and Students with Special Needs*, will take place online only from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2026.

Part Two: Navigating the Intersection of NJTSS and Students with Special Needs*

Webinar Topics	Intended Audience	Registration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NJTSS functions as a framework for identifying student needs while ensuring that referrals to the Child Study Team (CST) are rooted in comprehensive data Key protocols for CST involvement when students are receiving interventions Referral pathways and decision-making practices that promote fairness and appropriate access 	Administrators, school leaders, program coordinators, school counselors, interventionists	Register Online

Key Steps/Actions

1. [Register](#) through Rutgers free Continuing Education online portal. Registration is free and includes a certificate upon completion.
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 webinar: [NJDOE recordings - Foster & Lekwa](#) (password: NJDOE)

* 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. 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.

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