



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: Principals, Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction, Supervisors, Instructional Coaches, Teachers
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LEARning about Literacy: Guidance into Action

The Office of Learning Equity and Academic Recovery proudly presents “LEARning about Literacy: Guidance into Action,” a new workshop series designed to move from understanding to implementation. Building on previous LEARning about Literacy opportunities that deepened participants’ knowledge of evidence-based literacy practices, this series focuses on translating state guidance, frameworks, and district insights into actionable steps that strengthen instruction across grade levels.

Workshop Descriptions

All workshops will be held virtually.

Preschool Screening in Action: From Guidance to Impact

March 10, 9:30-10 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.

Participants will dive into the New Jersey Literacy Framework: Connections to Preschool guidance document, unpacking how it clarifies the purpose of early literacy screening and strengthens alignment to high-quality preschool practice. This event is co-hosted with the Office of Preschool Programs.

Driving Early Reading Outcomes: BRIDGE District Insights

March 25, 1-2 p.m.

BRIDGE grant recipient districts will share how they leveraged universal screening data within the New Jersey Tiered System of Supports for Early Reading (NJSS-ER) framework to strengthen Tier 1 instruction and implement effective class-wide supports.

The Secondary Handshake: Strengthening the K-12 Literacy Continuum

March 26, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The Delsea Regional School District will explore how foundational literacy “instructional engines” evolve in secondary classrooms to support advanced reading, writing, and disciplinary independence.

NJTSS-ER in Action: Improving Early Reading Outcomes

April 24, 10-11 a.m.

The Green Brook Township School District and the Andover Regional School District will highlight their collaborative implementation of NJTSS-ER to strengthen core instruction and improve intervention effectiveness.

For full workshop descriptions and to register, use the NJDOE’s [Event Registration webpage](#).

Contact Information

Please email the Office of Learning Equity & Academic Recovery at LEAR@doe.nj.gov for questions regarding upcoming LEARning about Literacy opportunities and visit the [LEAR website](#) for more information.