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Commissioner of Education William L. Librera and Other Education Leaders to Discuss Core Curriculum Content Standards and High School Graduation Requirements at Forum in Princeton today at the Chauncey Conference Center

TRENTON — Commissioner of Education William L. Librera is joining other education leaders today as part of a two-day forum on standards and graduation requirements at the Educational Testing Service Chauncey Conference Center in Princeton.

The forum, hosted by the Department of Education, began Sunday at 1 p.m. Commissioner Librera is attending today's morning session. Representatives from professional educational organizations, content-area experts, higher education and business leaders and parents are all scheduled to take part in the forum.

Both days underscore the importance of reviewing high school graduation requirements and their link to Core Curriculum Content Standards.

"This two-day forum allows educators the opportunity to pool together their thoughts and build a consensus toward the future direction of high school graduation requirements in our state," Commissioner Librera said. "It is essential for the Department of Education to provide a clear set of expectations for our students."

Media are welcome to attend the last session today from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to hear a summation of the forum. Senior DOE officials will be available to answer questions.

The forum will attempt to address the following questions:

- What must all high school students know and be able to do when they leave a New Jersey high school?
- What should the relationship be between the Core Curriculum Content Standards and what students should know when they leave a New Jersey high school?
- What are the recommended high school graduation requirements?

The forum allows participants to work in small, facilitated discussion groups before bringing recommendations before the entire forum for consideration. The goal is to develop a consensus about the future direction of the standards, namely how to link them to high school graduation requirements.