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DOE to Host Jan. 26 Problem-Based Learning Workshop

The Department of Education will host a workshop for teachers and administrators entitled, "Differentiated Instruction and Problem-Based Learning," next Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the Passaic County Public Safety Academy in Wayne.

Seats are still open for the workshop, which is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and focuses on the importance of diverse teaching techniques and problem-based learning in the classroom. The event features a keynote address by Dr. Nancy Sulla, of IDE Corp., on how to better use technology in the classroom.

The workshop will be held at the Passaic County Public Safety Academy, 300 Oldham Road, Wayne. It is one of six in a DOE series entitled, "Great Expectations: Expecting More from Our Students, Our Communities and Ourselves."

For more information on how to register, please contact Meredith Coticchio in the department's Northern Region Office at (973) 655-2115.

Dr. Sulla, President and founder of IDE Corp., is nationally known for helping school districts design "Learning-Active, Technology-Infused Classrooms." Her company — an acronym for Innovative Designs for Educators consists of a group of consultants who partner with school districts in New York and New Jersey to improve classroom instruction.

Immediately following Dr. Sulla's speech, representatives from the Cedar Grove, Fair Lawn, Ho-Ho-Kus, Jersey City and West Essex school districts will take part in the panel discussion on technology in the classroom and other issues. They will be joined by Dr. Sulla and Naomi Pagano, a professor at William Paterson University and a retired assistant superintendent in Sparta.

The event is open to the media. For media questions, please contact the Public Information Office at (609) 292-1126. For more information about the workshop series, please click here: <u>www.state.nj.us/njded/news/2005/0119pd.pdf</u>. For all other questions, please contact the Meredith Coticchio in the DOE Northern Region Office at the number listed above.