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Educators, Entertainers Join Forces to Create More Learning Opportunities for Students

New Jersey high school students seeking careers in the entertainment industry are expected to benefit from the creation of a new partnership formed by educators, labor officials, and representatives of the entertainment industry.

The Entertainment / Education Partnership, to be coordinated by the New Jersey Motion Picture and TV Association, will work with school districts and entertainment production companies working in New Jersey to provide enhanced learning and career opportunities, especially for students in 34 districts that have approved performing arts for drama, theater arts, dance and theater design.

"This partnership will help assure that our creative young people in the visual and performing arts gain real-life exposure and insights into the worlds of film, television, commercials and video projects," said Acting Commissioner of Education Lucille E. Davy. "It will also allow them to take advantage of opportunities to gain professional work experience in New Jersey productions."

The Entertainment / Education Partnership held its inaugural meeting this week. The partner organizations are: the New Jersey Department of Education, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and the New Jersey Motion Picture and TV Association.

Attached is <u>a list</u> of the 36 New Jersey districts that have approved performing arts programs and academies in drama, theater arts, dance and theater design. Districts establishing new programs and academies in the performing arts will be invited to participate in future partnership activities.