

Governor's Education Transformation Task Force Seeks Public Input

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The Governor's Education Transformation Task Force is seeking input from all members of the public.

The Education Transformation Task Force was established by the Governor in April 2011 to address two issues: to review all statutes and regulations that affect public education and to recommend a new accountability system that grants more autonomy to schools while maintaining strict accountability for student performance, safety and fiscal responsibility. The Task Force will submit an interim report with its recommendation to the Governor by August 15, 2011 and a final report by December 31, 2011.

As part of its review, the Task Force is seeking input from individuals and organizations on regulations that have been placed on school districts and educational providers that are not strictly required by the express terms of any statute or federal mandate and substantially impedes creativity and innovation in achieving educational, operational or fiscal effectiveness. The Task Force also welcomes input on a next-generation accountability system for districts and schools that demands results while encouraging innovative approaches to improving student learning.

Suggestions and thoughts may also be provided to the Task Force via email (regreform@doe.nj.gov) or postal mail (Education Transformation Task Force, c/o Department of Education, 100 Riverview Plaza, PO Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625).