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Department of Education Announces Performance Reports of New Jersey's Teacher-Preparation Programs

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Trenton, NJ – The Department of Education today announced the release of the newest Educator Preparation Provider Performance Reports, which deliver a guide to the teacher-preparation programs operated by New Jersey's colleges and universities.

"These reports are a tool to support education in New Jersey," said Education Commissioner Lamont O. Repollet. "People who are exploring jobs in education can learn about the strength of our various teacher preparation programs in New Jersey, in addition to areas of teaching that are in greatest demand."

The reports, which are updated annually, now include information on the diversity of recently certified teachers, as well as financial-aid opportunities available to students studying to become teachers.

The reports also provide information, both at the state and college/university levels, including:

- Employment data, such as average salaries that teachers earn after graduating from various colleges and universities;
- Percentage of graduates who get a job as New Jersey public school teachers, and their retention rate after working for a year;
- Certification areas where candidates are more likely to be hired (i.e., comparing the employment rates of certification areas such as preschool, math, social studies, career and technical education, etc.); and
- The job-evaluation ratings (highly effective, effective, partially effective, etc.) of each college's graduates after working in a school.

"Not only are the report tables useful for our program faculty to reflect on our impact, but they are also very useful to help illustrate conversations with current and prospective students," said Claudine Keenan, Dean of Education at Stockton University and President of the New Jersey Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (NJACTE).

The Educator Preparation Provider Performance Reports are available online.