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New Jersey Department of Education Invites Public Participation in Upcoming School Funding Forums

Trenton, N.J. – The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is encouraging families, educators, students, school leaders, community members, taxpayers, and other stakeholders to participate in upcoming regional public forums offered through [New Jersey’s School Funding Outreach](#) Project.

At each forum, the NJDOE will provide a brief, plain-language overview of the school funding system and the outreach project. If interested, participants will then have an opportunity to share public comments for up to three minutes each. For the three in-person sessions, those wishing to provide a comment will be able to sign up on a first-come, first-served basis.

Regional public forums are one type of public engagement session. Choose the session that works best for you. The forums will follow the same general format, so participants do not need to attend more than one. Feedback from every forum will be compiled and reviewed together with input gathered through other School Funding Outreach Project activities. Additional opportunities, including community roundtables and other events, will be announced soon.

Those who cannot attend a forum, or who prefer to provide written feedback, may email FundingOutreach@doe.nj.gov. All forums are open to the public.

All feedback from stakeholders at the school funding forums will be evaluated by the NJDOE as it compiles recommendations for improving New Jersey's system of funding public schools.

Upcoming Regional Public Forums

Date	Location	Time	Registration
Wednesday September 30, 2026	Middlesex College West Hall Park View 2600 Woodbridge Ave. Edison, NJ 08837	6-7:30 p.m.	Registration link
Monday October 5, 2026	Camden County College Civic Hall, Gabriel E. Danch Center 200 College Drive Blackwood, NJ 08012	6-7:30 p.m.	Registration link
Wednesday October 14, 2026	Stockton University 101 Vera King Farris Drive Galloway, NJ 08205	6-7:30 p.m.	Registration link
Thursday October 22, 2026	Virtual statewide online forum	6-7:30 p.m.	Registration link
Tuesday October 27, 2026	Essex County Donald M. Payne School of Technology 498-544 W. Market St. Newark, NJ 07107	6-7:30 p.m.	Registration link
Thursday November 12, 2026	Virtual statewide online forum	6-7:30 p.m.	Registration link

Over the next 15 months, NJDOE will listen to and learn from New Jerseyans across the state to build shared understanding, gather practical feedback, and identify improvements that put students first, support stability, and use taxpayer dollars responsibly. Additional updates will be shared through future newsletters, webinars, reports, and public engagement opportunities on the NJDOE [School Funding Outreach webpage](#).

Stay connected and informed:

- Register for sessions on the [Statewide Stakeholder Engagement](#) webpage (or use links in the table above).
- Watch the School Finance Learning Series videos on the NJDOE [School Funding Outreach webpage](#).
- [Sign up](#) to receive the Statewide School Funding Outreach newsletter every two weeks.

Together, we can build shared understanding and support a more transparent, predictable, and student-centered school funding system for New Jersey.



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