



Dear Colleagues [*please forward to all teachers and principals/APs/VPs*],

I am writing today with the last of the regular Thursday broadcasts we have provided over the past seven weeks to share information about **AchieveNJ** with educators. As indicated previously, we will now shift from this initial outreach effort to ongoing collaboration and engagement across the state. As we move forward, I would like to share a few new resources and briefly describe our future plans.

First, on Tuesday the Department released a [broadcast memo](#) describing the continued benefits to districts, schools, and cooperating teachers in hosting student teachers in the advent of **AchieveNJ**. This document highlights ongoing advantages for all participants in the student teaching experience that will remain unchanged, as well as some new opportunities related to improved evaluations.

In addition, today we have published two new resources on our website:

- The [School Improvement Panel and Strengthening Evaluation](#) overview describes requirements and suggested activities for the panel and its members over the course of the school year.
- The [AchieveNJ Resources Guide](#) provides a succinct list of all of the materials distributed via these Thursday broadcast messages and posted on our website. As you will see, we have provided over 25 different resources describing aspects of the new evaluation and support system in a variety of mediums. Narrative overviews, presentation slides, and videos help explain everything from the basic policies for each category of employee, to detailed information on measures of student growth, to practical advice and examples from our evaluation pilot districts. Please make this guide available to all educators in your district and encourage them to share feedback and questions directly with the Department at [educatorevaluation@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:educatorevaluation@doe.state.nj.us).

Through nine regional presentations, three Teacher Advisory Panels, and over 50 other sessions conducted in March and April (county roundtables, association conferences, district meetings and training sessions, etc.), Department staff have met face-to-face with over 5,000 educators. In the coming months, we will continue to engage the state Evaluation Pilot Advisory Committee, pilot participants, and a wide variety of other educators across New Jersey in preparing for statewide rollout of **AchieveNJ** this fall. You can expect new and updated resources, which we will announce via broadcast memo as part of the Department's regular Tuesday communication to districts. Our goal is to equip you with as much information as possible as we collaborate on this important work, and we are always open to your feedback and suggestions.

Thank you for your commitment to the students of New Jersey and to the profession of education.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Commissioner and Chief Talent Officer

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