



Dear Colleagues,

As Commissioner Cerf indicated in his recent broadcast, we are committed to communicating with you and your colleagues on a regular basis about **AchieveNJ** and its implementation. This week, we are continuing to focus on the proposed components of new evaluations for 2013-14. Today, I am pleased to provide three new overview documents in addition to the other materials listed at the end of this message:

- [AchieveNJ Student Growth Objectives Overview](#)
- [AchieveNJ Student Growth Percentiles Overview](#)
- [AchieveNJ Teacher Practice Overview](#)

These materials – and all of the resources posted on our new website – are intended for use by teachers, vice/assistant principals, principals, and other administrators as well as anyone seeking more information. I ask that you share these widely to help ensure that all New Jersey educators understand the new system and have opportunities to provide comments, questions, and feedback.

Yesterday, staff from the Evaluation Office had the opportunity to conduct the first of many regional presentations to share more information and hear feedback and questions directly from educators. We appreciate those who joined us in Toms River and look forward to continued dialogue with educators across the state. I encourage you to consider attending one of our eight remaining sessions (see below for registration details). Please be advised that these presentations are not public hearings on the proposed evaluation regulations, but rather information session intended to increase understanding about the new system. If you would like to take part in the official public comment process for the proposed regulations, please see the State Board of Education webpage for information about public hearing sessions (<http://www.state.nj.us/education/sboe/meetings/pubtest.shtml>), or submit comments here: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/code/proposed/>.

Finally, we know that many districts are seeking more support in developing measures for teachers in non-tested grades and subjects. The Department is working on forms and guidance to be shared in the coming weeks; in the meantime, please see the [general resources](#) page on our website for examples from other states, as well as [previous broadcast memos](#) for examples of ways that our pilot districts have approached this work.

Thank you for your collaboration in this important effort and your commitment to helping all New Jersey students achieve to their highest potential.

Sincerely,

Peter Shulman
Assistant Commissioner and Chief Talent Officer

Additional resources for school communities about the evaluation system:

- **AchieveNJ** Website: <http://www.nj.gov/education/AchieveNJ/>
- **AchieveNJ** Overview: <http://www.nj.gov/education/AchieveNJ/intro/guide.pdf>
- **AchieveNJ** Overview PPT: <http://www.nj.gov/education/AchieveNJ/intro/overview.pdf>
- Teacher Evaluation Overview: <http://www.nj.gov/education/AchieveNJ/intro/1PagerTeachers.pdf>
- Principal Evaluation Overview: <http://www.nj.gov/education/AchieveNJ/intro/1PagerPrincipals.pdf>
- FAQ: http://www.nj.gov/education/genfo/faq/faq_eval.shtml
- **AchieveNJ** Outreach Guide: <http://www.nj.gov/education/AchieveNJ/resources/OutreachMaterials.pdf>

Remaining regional presentations dates and locations – please register here:

<http://www.nj.gov/education/AchieveNJ/resources/events.shtml>

March 15th – 2 Sessions: 10:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Morris County Fire Fighters & Police Academy
500 West Hanover Avenue
Parsippany, NJ 07054

March 19th – 8:30am to 3:30pm
Rutgers Camden
303 Cooper Street
Camden, NJ 08102

March 21st – 2 Sessions: 1:00pm to 3:00pm and 4:00pm to 6:00pm
New Jersey Supervisors & Principals Association
12 Centre Drive
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

April 10th – 9:30am to 11:30am
Ocean City High School
501 Atlantic Avenue
Ocean City, NJ 08226

April 11th – 2 Sessions: 1:00 to 3:00pm and 4:00 to 6:00pm
Teaneck High School
100 Elizabeth Avenue
Teaneck, NJ 07666

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