



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WEEKLY BROADCAST

Weekly Broadcast – February 11, 2026

From the Broadcast Desk:

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Commissioner's Message:

Dear Colleagues,

I am honored to join New Jersey educators as we build upon an already strong public school system. New Jersey's deep commitment to public education is what brought me here, and our shared vision is clear: to continue improving our schools and ensure the greatest opportunity possible for every student.

One of my first priorities is to visit classrooms across the state to listen, learn, and lift up the excellent work already underway. During my first week, I visited early childhood centers in Newark and spoke with students and educators about the importance of high-quality early learning. I was inspired by the joyful, engaging instruction I observed, including strong language and vocabulary routines and rich interactions that help children build foundational skills. This work reflects the strength of early learning in New Jersey and the deep commitment of our educators.

My focus is on providing districts with clear and reliable supports. As an educator, I know firsthand how a state agency can either help or hinder local efforts. As we work to strengthen the support you receive, I am also proud to work alongside Governor Sherrill to prioritize literacy, high-impact tutoring, student well-being, educator workforce support, and funding stability. These priorities reflect our shared commitment to improving outcomes for every child.

I look forward to working collaboratively with you to continue strengthening New Jersey's schools and delivering on the promise of an outstanding education for all students.

Lily Laux, Ph.D.

Acting Commissioner of Education

Initiatives

Major announcements and new initiatives sponsored by the NJDOE.

[NJSLA-A and NJGPA-A Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) and Informational Materials](#)

Target Audience: Local Educational Agency Leads, District Test Coordinators, Principals, and Assistant Principals

Guidance

NJDOE guidance for local educational agencies.

Cursive Handwriting Instruction

Target Audience: Local Educational Agency Leads, Principals, Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction, Supervisors, Instructional Coaches, Teachers

Deadline: Beginning 2026-2027 School Year

Opportunities

Professional development, funding opportunities, and additional NJDOE resources. Visit the NJDOE's [Events webpage](#) for more information.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Scholar Awards Program

Target Audience: Local Educational Agency Leads, Supervisors of Curriculum and Instruction, Perkins Project Directors, and Supervisors of Career and Technical Education

Deadline: March 18, 2026

Current Grant Opportunities

Additional grants may be found at the included links on the Department's Office of Grants Management [webpage](#).

Grant Title	Eligibility	Application Due Date
Elevating High-Quality Work-Based Learning	NJ LEAs with grades 9-12 currently eligible to receive Perkins funding	2/18/2026
Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Course Expansion	NJ LEAs of schoolwide Title I and not awarded in prior fiscal years	2/12/2026
Climate Literacy Innovation Opportunity	NJ LEAs and SDAs	2/12/2026
Climate Literacy for Community Resilience - Continuation	Districts chosen in year 1 competitive process	2/12/2026
Teacher Development Program	Institutions of Higher Learning	2/25/2026
New Jersey Learning Acceleration Program: High Impact Tutoring Grant-Cohort 3	LEAs	2/26/2026

External Messages and Resources

Programs and training provided by other State agencies and external stakeholders.

New Jersey MLK Commission 2026 Scholarship Essay Competition (Printable Contest Flyer)

Target Audience: Local Educational Agency Leads, Principals, High School Seniors

Deadline: March 16, 2026, noon

RevolutionNJ School Partnership Program: Revolutionary Schools

Target Audience: Local Educational Agency Leads, Nonpublic School Administrators, Supervisors, Educators

Energizing Young Voters' Scholarship

Target Audience: Local Educational Agency Leads, Nonpublic School Administrators, Supervisors, Educators

Deadline: May 1, 2026

N.J. Center for Civic Education Professional Development Spring Series

Target Audience: Local Educational Agency Leads, Nonpublic School Administrators, Social Studies Supervisors, Social Studies Educators

Important Dates: February 24, 2026 [Engaging Students in Middle School Civics](#)
March 10, 2026 [Infusing Civics into the K-5 Curriculum](#)
March 20, 2026 [The Development of Democracy in Ancient Civilizations \(Middle School\)](#)
March 26, 2026 [Infusing Civics, NJ, and Economics into High School US History](#)

Exploring Computation Integrated into Technology and Engineering

Target Audience: Local Educational Agency Leads, Technology and Engineering teachers, Directors of Curriculum and Instruction, School Administrators, District Administrators

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