



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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ADVISORY: **NJ Department of Education to Host Virtual Equity Conference**

Trenton, NJ – Media coverage is invited for the New Jersey Department of Education’s virtual statewide equity conference, “Critical Conversations for a More Equitable Future,” to be held on August 3.

What: NJDOE’s third annual Equity Conference

When: Tuesday, August 3, 2021, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

More than 1,000 educators are scheduled to take part in the conference, which is designed to deliver high-quality professional learning to educators, with an emphasis on culturally responsive practices, promoting equity at a classroom level, and building equitable district- and school-level programs. The conference will also feature leaders from several districts sharing their stories of equity in education.

Approximately 30 workshops: Approximately 30 sessions on equity issues will be featured throughout the day. Sessions will focus on issues such as supporting LGBTQ students; identifying students who experience trauma in their lives; recognizing implicit bias in the classroom; engaging disengaged students; and ensuring disadvantaged children and students of color are represented in gifted and Advanced Placement programs.

Media registration: Credentialed members of the media interested in covering the program should contact Shaheed Morris of the Department of Education’s Office of Communications at shaheed.morris@doe.nj.gov to register in advance.

