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Route To: Assistant Superintendents, Chief Academic Officers, Principals
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AchieveNJ Regional Summer Workshops

Join the Office of Evaluation for our annual AchieveNJ regional workshops. The theme of this year's sessions is leveraging evaluation systems to cultivate leadership growth in schools. In addition, we will be offering the opportunity to provide feedback on the AchieveNJ educator-evaluation system.

Each 2018 AchieveNJ regional workshop will contain the following sessions:

1) New Jersey Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning (NJPEPL) Technical Assistance

The NJPEPL observation instrument and process have been developed to help principals and district leaders increase the value of the principal evaluation process by focusing them on professionally developing school leaders. If you choose to adopt the NJPEPL in the coming school year, this session will help you properly implement high quality training in your district.

2) Integration of Evaluation and PD Processes to Improve Educator Effectiveness

This session will provide guidance on complying with certain evaluation measures and professional development processes while highlighting ways to align and optimize processes to encourage teachers to grow their practice.

3) Cultivating Growth of Teacher Leaders in Schools

This year, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) launched the [New Jersey Teacher Leader Network](#), a partnership of 16 organizations including school districts, universities and nonprofit entities. This session will discuss NJTLN's recommendations around building high-quality, intentional teacher leader development programs, and it will touch on research related to building strong and sustainable teacher leader initiatives in districts.

4) AchieveNJ Feedback Session

AchieveNJ has been in place for the past five years. We encourage you to take this opportunity to tell us about successes and challenges of the AchieveNJ system from an implementation perspective, provide suggestions for improvement, and ask questions you may have about the future of educator evaluation in New Jersey.

AchieveNJ Regional Workshops:

| Date/Time | Location | Registration Link |
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| July 23, 2018 | Bergen County Community College, Lyndhurst | Register online |
| July 25, 2018 | Southern Regional Institute & ETTC, Galloway | Register online |
| July 31, 2018 | Raritan Valley Community College, Branchburg | Register online |
| August 2, 2018 | West Essex Regional High School, North Caldwell | Register online |
| August 6, 2018 | Kean University, Union | Register online |
| August 7, 2018 | Rowan College at Gloucester County, Sewell | Register online |
| August 8, 2018 | Somerset County Office of Education, Somerville | Register online |

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