

Charter School Newsletter

A bulletin from the NJ Department of Education

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Dear Charter School Leaders and Representatives,

Charter schools were established with the hope that they would become laboratories of innovation and that new ideas and learning methods could be shared with other public schools to improve outcomes for all students. Many charter schools in New Jersey are providing transformative educational experiences for their students. The Department has worked with some of our most successful charter schools to document effective practices that support the success of those schools. The Office of Charter Schools has established a new section on its website titled "[Best Practices Collection](#)." In the spirit of collaboration, we encourage you to review, discuss and learn more about these practices in order to improve the quality of education for the students you serve.

Regards,



Harry Lee
Director, Office of Charter Schools

Charter School Best Practices

Throughout the year, the Charter School Office has worked with some of our most successful charter schools to gather best practices to share. We hope you will read about some of these innovative practices and reach out directly to the schools for additional insights. We expect to share best practices for all the performance areas of our [Performance Framework](#). If you would like to submit a best practice for consideration, please email Julie Bunt at Julie.Bunt@DOE.state.nj.us.

New Jersey School Boards Association Bootcamp – April 12

Join the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) on Tuesday, April 12, for a boot camp training program designed to provide essential information for charter school leaders. The Office of Charter Schools will be presenting as part of this training. Pre-registration is required. Click here for [more information and online registration](#).

School Preparedness and Emergency Planning Training– April 25-26

The New Jersey Department of Education's Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning, in partnership with FEMA, will host a two-day Continuity of Operations (COOP) Planner's Training for

district and school personnel on April 25-26 in Monmouth County. The goal of this training is to provide school personnel with the tools and hands-on experience necessary to create a Continuity of Operations (COOP) plan. Space is limited and registration is required. Visit this link to [register and learn more](#).

New Jersey Charter Schools Conference – May 25-26

The 2016 New Jersey Charter Schools Conference will be May 25-26 in Atlantic City. Members of the Office of Charter Schools will be in attendance and will present in several sessions.

Hosted by the New Jersey Charter Schools Association, the conference offers professional development and networking opportunities that are specifically relevant to charter school leaders, principals, classroom educators, school support staff, trustees, policy makers, suppliers and community supporters. Find [more information and online registration here](#).

District Broadcast Memos

The Department posts all broadcast memos to school districts and charter schools on its [Broadcasts web page](#). Visit this link to find current and past broadcasts that apply to charter schools.

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