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## **NJ Department of Education Podcast Highlights Multilingualism in Schools**

**Trenton, NJ** – In its “DOE Digest” podcast scheduled to be released on Thursday, June 10, 2021, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) will highlight “Multilingualism in Schools – Standing with Families for Language Learning.”

“Multilingualism is an asset in New Jersey schools, and the New Jersey Department of Education is excited to highlight the ways educators can work with families to promote it,” said Kenneth Bond, Acting Director of the NJDOE’s Office of the Professional Learning Network and program moderator.

This month’s podcast episode features Shirley Santos, a bilingual basic skills teacher in Vineland, Cumberland County, and Anel Suriel, an educator in Middlesex County and a doctoral student at Rutgers University.

“It’s crucial for schools to stand with parents when it comes to language learning, the curriculum, programs available for their students. Schools should have deep connections with the community,” Santos said.

During the 30-minute podcast, the guests discuss parents, schools and the increased parent guardian equity for multilingual learners. To continue the discussion, a live Twitter chat will take place on June 15, 2021, at 8:30 p.m. To participate, visit #NJEdPartners on Twitter.

Visit the [DOE Digest](#) to tune in to the June podcast on language learning. The DOE Digest podcast with transcripts is also available on the [NJDOE’s website](#).

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