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Dear Summit Participants:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who attended and participated in the New Jersey Educators Pandemic Summit on August 25, 2009. I would especially like to thank all the panelists for sharing their time and expertise to help us conduct a successful summit.

Governor Corzine is committed to New Jersey being proactive in preparing for a potential pandemic. This Summit was a major step in ensuring that the education community is involved in this planning process. However, this was just the first step. It is essential that we continue to communicate and take those lessons learned and apply them in our communities. This Summit started this communication which will be critical in ensuring that all stakeholders remain properly informed throughout this coming school year.

With that in mind, I urge our county Health and Education Leadership Planning (HELP) teams to continue their communication and planning efforts. The Department is available to answer questions and provide guidance to assist the HELP teams as they move forward with this process. Please feel free to contact the Executive County Superintendents with questions regarding the HELP teams.

In addition, the Department will continue to post information on our web site related to H1N1 planning and preparedness for all of our education stakeholders: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/schools/security/summit.htm>.

Finally, I would like to thank the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and the New Jersey Department of Homeland Security & Preparedness for their leadership in New Jersey's pandemic planning efforts.

Thank you all for your continued commitment to ensuring a safe and healthy environment for our children as we begin another school year.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lucille E. Davy".

Lucille E. Davy  
Commissioner

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