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TO: School District Superintendents/Principals/Charter School Leaders
FROM: Dr. Paul B. Winkler, Executive Director *Paul B. Winkler*
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I hope the summer was a pleasant transition both professionally and personally and that the new school year begins well and is successful educationally.

On the Holocaust web site <http://www.state.nj.us/education/holocaust/> and the 4 Action Initiative web site <https://sites.google.com/site/the4actioninitiative/> is a new K-12 curriculum about 9/11 which discusses the causes, the day of and the aftermath. The units are sensitive to the students' ages only speaking of bullying at the elementary level and terrorism at high school level. The list of standards achieved in teaching about 9/11 is also included.

I have included a number of items with this letter (attached) that may be forwarded to appropriate personnel in your school in relation to the Holocaust/genocide mandate and the entire issue of teaching about character education, anti-bullying and bias/prejudice reduction. The law mandating the teaching of the Holocaust and genocide and the rationale for teaching the subject is included in the packet.

During the 2010/11 school year, through a generous donation from the Laulicht Foundation, the Commission coordinated programs bringing together students and survivors. Over 1,000 students were involved in the process.

Darfur continues to be an ongoing genocide. Please recommend that students become involved in educational programs. (See flier)

Thank you for your continued support in the battle against bias, prejudice and intolerance wherever and whenever they exist and if the materials are not appropriate for your school age, please pass on to other interested persons.

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