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- TO: Chief School Administrators Charter School Lead Persons
 ROUTE TO: Human Resources Directors Provisional Teacher Program Contacts School Principals
 FROM: Robert R. Higgins, Ph.D. Director Office of Licensure and Credentials
- SUBJECT: Certification and Provisional Teacher Program Technical Assistance for Districts

The Office of Licensure and Credentials has scheduled technical assistance sessions for district human resources staff on certification and Provisional Teacher Program (PTP) issues at the locations below. Please note that, at this time, we have made arrangements only for northern and southern regional sessions. We will follow up shortly with the arrangements for a technical assistance session in the central region. The time for all three regional meetings is 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and no pre-registration is required.

Topics in certification include the new reciprocity rules governing applicants with out-of-state certificates, the 24 hour basic teaching skills requirement for alternate route candidates, Praxis II testing updates, and amendments currently at proposal level at the State Board of Education. The latter includes a proposed alternate route for superintendents of districts in need of improvement, and various amendments affecting substitutes, middle school certification, and experience-based CTE alternate route candidates. PTP topics include the 45 hour regional training center requirements in mathematics and language arts pedagogy for K-5 alternate route candidates, and procedures for receiving the standard certificate after completion of the PTP. You may contact the PTP at 609-984-6377 if you have questions.

Time for all sessions: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., no pre-registration is required. Locations:

Thursday, March 3	Gloucester County College Room 430 Instructional Center 1400 Tanyard Road, Sewell 08080 <u>http://www.gccnj.edu/information/directions/index.cfm#gcc</u>
Friday, March 4	Morris County NJ Public Safety Training Academy 500 West Hanover Avenue, Parsippany 07054 http://www.morrisacademy.org/directions.asp

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