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TO: Chief School Administrator  
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FROM: Mary Jane Kurabinski, Director  
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SUBJECT: Second Language Regional Model Programs Initiative  
Application Deadline: June 30, 2011

The New Jersey Department of Education, in collaboration with the New Jersey Supervisors of World Languages and the Statewide Advisory Committee for Bilingual and ESL Education have developed criteria for the designation of model second language programs. These criteria will be used to identify districts or schools with outstanding programs throughout the state.

Districts or schools that are designated as model program sites will serve as resource centers for other districts. These centers will enable educators to witness firsthand exemplary practices in second language instruction and assessment.

Districts or schools wishing to be designated as regional model program centers should complete an application and submit supporting documentation by June 30, 2011. The application for world languages model programs may be accessed at [http://www.state.nj.us/njded/aps/cccs/wl/model\\_app.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/njded/aps/cccs/wl/model_app.pdf) and the application for Bilingual/ESL programs may be accessed at [www.nj.gov/njded/bilingual](http://www.nj.gov/njded/bilingual). Applications will be reviewed by a committee of world languages and Bilingual/ESL supervisors and other experts in the field to determine finalists. District or school programs that have been selected as finalists will receive an on-site visit by the model program committee. Recognition and awards will be presented in May 2012 at a special ceremony.

Please note that applications may be submitted for world languages programs, bilingual or ESL-only programs. Applications may be submitted for any of the following programs or a combination of programs:

- K-12
- Pre-school
- K-5
- 6-8
- 9-12

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- Specialized population, i.e., heritage, newcomer, family literacy, dual-immersion or sheltered instruction

Districts or schools that have been previously designated as model programs are encouraged to apply again.

Schools and school districts that may not feel qualified to apply for model program status at this time are strongly encouraged to use the respective applications as self-assessment tools.

**Please e-mail world languages applications by June 30, 2011 to [cheri.quinlan@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:cheri.quinlan@doe.state.nj.us)  
Documentation that is not available electronically should be mailed to:**

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**Please e-mail Bilingual and/or ESL applications by June 30, 2011 to [lep@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:lep@doe.state.nj.us).  
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Should you have questions about the world languages model program initiative, please contact Cheri Quinlan at (609) 777-1478 or [cheri.quinlan@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:cheri.quinlan@doe.state.nj.us). For questions related to the Bilingual/ESL model program initiative, please contact Lori Ramella at (609) 292-8777 or [lep@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:lep@doe.state.nj.us).

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