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TO: Chief School Administrators
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FROM: James F. Curry, Manager
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SUBJECT: English as a Second Language (ESL) Curriculum Development Process
Workshop

This memorandum is to inform you of the upcoming workshop: "The ESL Curriculum Development Process." This workshop will address the **process** of developing ESL curriculum based on the WIDA English Language Proficiency Standards (New Jersey's ESL standards for grades Pre-K-12). District teams of two people – one who has a solid understanding of the WIDA English Language Proficiency Standards and the other who is responsible for curriculum development are recommended to attend.

A committee of New Jersey educators has developed ESL curriculum exemplars that will help to facilitate effective ESL instruction. The exemplar units will be presented for the five grade level clusters: Pre-K, 1-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12, and will serve as models to assist districts in the development of the ESL curriculum. Participants should bring a copy of the WIDA English Language Proficiency Standards which can be downloaded here:

<http://wida.us/standards/elp.aspx>.

Four full-day workshops (two for elementary and two for secondary teachers and administrators) will be offered as follows:

Dates: April 4, 2011* (Grades 6-12)
April 11, 2011 (Grades 6-12)
April 18, 2011 (Grades Pre-K-5)
May 2, 2011 (Grades Pre-K-5)

***April 4, 2011 is being held at a different location than the other dates.**

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: April 11, 18, and May 2, 2011 dates

New Jersey Forensics Science and Technology Center
1200 Negron Drive
Auditorium
Hamilton, NJ 08691

Directions: http://www.nj-iafn.org/NJ_ForensicTechnology_Center_directions.pdf

Registration: <http://education.state.nj.us/events>

Location: April 4, 2011 date

Middlesex County College
2600 Woodbridge Avenue
Crabiel Hall Building, Rooms 102 & 104
Edison, NJ 08818

Directions: <http://www2.middlesexcc.edu/about/locations/edison-center-main-campus.html#directions>

Registration: <http://education.state.nj.us/events>

Please note that the elementary and secondary sessions will be repeated and participants do not need to attend more than one day.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Student Achievement and Accountability at (609) 292-8777 or lep@doe.state.nj.us.

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