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TO: Secondary School Principals
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FROM: Christopher D. Cerf 
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SUBJECT: Discontinuation of the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship

The online application process for the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship closed on May 13, 2011. As you know, this scholarship program, which is federally funded and state-administered, is designed to recognize exceptionally able high school seniors who show promise of continued excellence in postsecondary education. The amount of the annual scholarship is contingent upon passage of the federal budget.

We were just informed that due to federal budget cuts, the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program is not being federally funded and as such, discontinued. Therefore, the New Jersey Department of Education cannot award any new Byrd Scholarships. We have sent an email to all the applicants and authorized users of the Byrd online application to share this information with them.

Please accept my sincere regret about this unfortunate news.

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