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TO: Chief School Administrators
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FROM: Anthony Bland, Coordinator 
Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning

SUBJECT: Mental Health Professional Development Training Sessions

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is offering a trauma and resilience training that will be facilitated by Jody C. Layton, MS, a certified Trauma & Loss Specialist. **Comfort In the Classroom: Taking Resilience to School**©, is a half day training that will focus on capacity building for K-8 teachers and staff in the area of school preparedness as it impacts classroom needs. This hands-on, interactive learning workshop is designed to provide educators with knowledge, tools and resources to grasp a school relevant understanding about trauma as a whole, gain insight into how classroom culture can cultivate resiliency, and give attention to the well-being of teachers, as well as their students, to promote safe and effective learning environments.

Three sessions will be provided regionally as follows:

Northern Region

Tuesday, June 17, 2011, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Livingston High School – Orchestra Room

30 Robert H Harp Drive
Livingston, NJ 07039-8000

Central Region

Friday, June 24, 2011, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Learning Resource Center – Central Region

200 Riverview Plaza, 1st Floor
Trenton, NJ 08650

Southern Region

Monday, June 20, 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Camden County College – Madison Building 213

200 College Drive
Blackwood, NJ 08012

Educators, guidance counselors and key personnel that will serve as turn-key support during a crisis can register online at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/events/>. Registration is on a first come first serve basis however, due to a limited space only **one representative per school district** will be eligible to attend these trainings. There is no fee to attend; no meals or refreshments will be provided.

If you have any questions about this training event, or who is eligible to attend, please contact Deborah Bleisnick at schoolsecurity@doe.state.nj.us or (609)292-2835.

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