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FROM: Christopher Cerf
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SUBJECT: International Education Week

This year's **International Education Week (November 14-18)** provides an excellent opportunity for New Jersey educators to engage in professional discussions with other educators both locally and globally on how to create learning environments that foster globally competent students. Once again, educators in New Jersey and throughout the world will have an opportunity to participate in *The Global Education Conference*. It is a free, online and completely virtual conference scheduled to take place during International Education Week. You may wish to encourage educators in your district to participate in this conference. For additional information, visit <http://globaleducation.ning.com/page/2011-conference>. Educators who are also interested in joining *The Global Education Collaborative Ning* may do so at <http://globaleducation.ning.com/main/authorization/signUp?>.

For additional ideas on how your district might better prepare your students to meet the demands of an ever increasingly global society, you may wish to consult <http://iew.state.gov/index.cfm>, a website from the United States Departments of State and Education that is dedicated to International Education Week.

Please contact Cheri Quinlan, coordinator of world languages and international education, at cheri.quinlan@doe.state.nj.us should you have further questions related to International Education Week.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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