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TO: Chief School Administrators
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FROM: Andrew Smarick
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SUBJECT: Statewide Google SketchUp Pro License

Google SketchUp is a 3D modeling software application that is used extensively by schools worldwide. Although there is a free version of SketchUp, there is also a Pro version which is typically a product for which schools must pay. Google's new SketchUp Pro Statewide K-12 Licensing Grant is now being offered to all states who want to provide an opportunity for their schools to use this valuable tool, at no cost. New Jersey has applied for and been granted a Statewide K-12 SketchUp Pro license.

SketchUp Pro is used in many K-12 subject areas, from math and science, to computer technology and English, to pre-architecture and engineering classes. Elementary, middle, and high schools all use it to various extents. It is also used widely in conjunction with Google Earth, a program which allows a student to model a building, upload it to the Google 3D Warehouse, and geo-locate it in Google Earth.

Please read the FAQ at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/techno/SketchUp/> for more information before submitting a request for a SketchUp Pro license at <http://tinyurl.com/njsketchuppro>.

PLEASE NOTE that the SketchUp Pro license request is a school-level request, not a district-level request. Each school must apply separately for a license. Each school's request for a license should be completed and submitted by the person in the district who is authorized to request and install software.

Should you require any further information, please contact Joseph Seaman at 609-292-8407 or joseph.seaman@doe.state.nj.us.

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