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TO: Chief School Administrators
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FROM: Education Transformation Task Force

SUBJECT: Governor's Education Transformation Task Force to Hold Public Hearings

The Governor's Education Transformation Task Force will hold two public hearings to solicit input for its review of the state's education regulations and statutes, in conjunction with the release of its initial report on September 12, 2011. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

The Education Transformation Task Force was established by the Governor in April 2011 to address two issues: to review all statutes and regulations that affect public education, and to recommend a new accountability system that grants more autonomy to schools while maintaining strict accountability for student achievement, safety, and fiscal responsibility. The Governor released the Initial Report of the Task Force, which is available at <http://bit.ly/taskforcereport>.

In accordance with Executive Order 58, the Task Force will hold hearings to obtain comments from the public on the Initial Report. Additionally, the Task Force is seeking input from individuals and organizations on regulations and statutes that have been placed on school districts and educational providers that substantially impede creativity and innovation in achieving educational, operational or fiscal effectiveness.

The hearings are scheduled for:

- Monday, October 17, 4:00pm, Civic Hall, Connector Building, Camden Community College Blackwood Campus, Blackwood, NJ. A campus map is available at <http://bit.ly/camdenmap>.
- Tuesday, October 18, 3:30pm, Anna Maria Ciccone Theatre, Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ. A campus map is available at <http://bit.ly/bergenmap>.

Suggestions and thoughts may also be provided to the Task Force via email (regreform@doe.state.nj.us) or postal mail (Education Transformation Task Force, c/o Department of Education, 100 Riverview Plaza, PO Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625).