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TO: Chief School Administrators
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FROM: Marie Barry, Director 
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SUBJECT: Middle Grades: New Jersey *Schools to Watch*[®] Application Deadline

I would like to remind you that applications for the 2011-2012 New Jersey *Schools to Watch*[®] (NJSTW) middle grades improvement program are due to the department no later than **4 p.m. on October 14, 2011**. All applications must be submitted online via NJDOE Homeroom at <http://homeroom.state.nj.us/>. The application process is the first step towards designation as a NJSTW and becoming part of a state and national network of schools dedicated to educating young adolescents. This middle grades school improvement program focuses on schools with students in grades six, seven and/or eight.

Additional information, including the Principal's Checklist, the Self-Study and Rating Rubric, a Power Point presentation which provides information about NJSTW and information on the eight NJSTW designees can be found on the department's website at <http://www.nj.gov/education/dsis/stw/>.

Please share this information with principals of schools containing grades six, seven, and/or eight. The school does not need to be a "middle school" to participate in NJSTW.

For more information on NJSTW, please contact David McNair, program coordinator, in the Office of Career and Technical Education at 609-633-0665 or you can email questions to NJSTWapps@doe.state.nj.us.

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