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To: Local Educational Agency Leads

Route To: School Administrators, Staff, Parents, and School District Communities

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Division of Finance and Business Services

Deadline: January 17, 2025

Invitation for Public Comment on School Funding in New Jersey

For the first time in history, the State Fiscal Year 2025 budget fully funds the school aid formula under the School Funding Reform Act (SFRA), completing a seven-year phase-in plan designed in partnership with the New Jersey Legislature. As part of the Murphy Administration's commitment to reviewing the formula following completion of this milestone, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) invites educators and other members of the public to comment on the state's school funding law. Anyone interested in submitting comments can register to speak at one of four regional hearings to be held in December and January, or submit written comments using the forms available on the Department's SFRA Outreach page.

Hearing Dates

The hearings will be held according to the following dates and locations:

Date and Time	Location
December 17, 2024, 2 – 4 pm	NJ Department of Education 100 Riverview Plaza Trenton, NJ 08625 First floor Conference Room
January 8, 2025, 6 – 8 pm	Somerset County Government Office 27 Warren Street Somerville, NJ 08876 First floor Conference Room
January 14, 2025, 10 am – noon	NJ Department of Education 100 Riverview Plaza Trenton, NJ 08625 First floor Conference Room
January 16, 2024, 6 – 8 pm	Camden County Regional Emergency Training Center 420 Woodbury-Turnersville Rd. Blackwood, NJ 08012

Additional Information

Registration and comment forms can be found on the Department's <u>SFRA Outreach page</u>, along with an overview of school funding in New Jersey and other informational links. Please note that the comment period will close on January 17, 2025.

Contact Information

Questions regarding the outreach initiative can be directed to the Office of School Finance at 609-376-3941.

c: Members, State Board of Education NJDOE Staff Statewide Parent Advocacy Network Garden State Coalition of Schools NJ LEE Group