Date: July 3, 2024

To: Local Educational Agency Leads

From: Robert Gregory, Executive Director

Division of Field Support and Services

Deadline: August 15, 2024

Extension of the 2019-2022 Comprehensive Equity Plan

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is providing school district boards of education and charter school and renaissance school boards of trustees the option to extend the implementation of their 2019-2022 Comprehensive Equity Plan (CEP) through school year 2024-2025. Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:7-1.4(c), every district board of education and charter school and renaissance school project boards of trustees (hereinafter referred to as local educational agencies, or LEAs) must develop and submit to the NJDOE a CEP every three years and identify and correct all discriminatory practices and inequitable educational and hiring policies, patterns, programs and practices affecting its facilities, programs, students and staff. LEAs were last required to develop and submit updated CEPs in the 2018-2019 school year.

In order to fulfill its regulatory requirement, an LEA may extend implementation of its current CEP by one year by submitting a <u>statement of assurance</u> (SOA) to its Executive County Superintendent pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.4(d) by August 15, 2024. The NJDOE will consider this SOA as meeting that LEA's requirement to submit a new three-year CEP for implementation at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year.

If you have questions, please contact your County Office of Education.

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