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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Commissioner of Education William L. Librera, in a partnership with the Coalition for Responsible Education Assessment, Testing and Evaluation (CREATE) and the Business Coalition for Educational Excellence (BCEE) at the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, will announce April 2 the nine pilot schools chosen for the New Jersey Performance Assessment Pilot Project.**

**The announcement will be made during the regular meeting of the State Board of Education. A press availability will be held immediately following the conclusion of the State Board's morning session. The State Board of Education meets in the first floor conference room of the Department of Education building, 100 River View Plaza in Trenton.**

The project, announced in November 2002, is a five-year program slated to begin this summer with a training session. It is centered on "performance-based assessments" that will complement the state's traditional standardized tests. Performance-based assessments will be developed in all Core Curriculum Content Standard areas — beginning with math, language arts and science — and will include student projects, demonstrations, competitions and problem-solving tasks.

The program is co-sponsored by the state's major education organizations, represented by the Coalition for Responsible Educational Assessment, Testing and Evaluation (CREATE), and the state's preeminent business leaders, represented by the Business Coalition for Educational Excellence (BCEE).

For more information about CREATE, please contact David Nash at (609) 860-1200, or visit [www.njpsa.org](http://www.njpsa.org). For more information about BCEE, please contact Michael Schneider at (973) 868-1000 or visit [www.bcee.org](http://www.bcee.org). For more information about the pilot program, view the November press release here: <http://www.state.nj.us/njded/news/2002/1115create.htm>.