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A D V I S O R Y Podcast Interview with Commissioner Davy: A Discussion on 21st Century Secondary School Redesign with Hall Institute for Public Policy

A new podcast on the Hall Institute for Public Policy – New Jersey web site features Education Commissioner Lucille E. Davy discussing the stateâ€[™]s efforts to redesign secondary schools in order to prepare all students to be productive citizens in the 21st century global economy.

Here is the link to the podcast: <u>http://hallradio.votingresearch.org/2009/06/25/new-jerseys-new-core-curriculum-an-interview-with-education-commissioner-lucille-davy.aspx</u>.

In the interview with Hall Institute Assistant Communications Director Jarrett Chapin, Commissioner Davy talks about the reasons why New Jersey must overhaul an outdated high school structure that has been virtually unchanged for the past century, and why our stateâ€[™]s academic standards must ensure that students learn 21st century skills.

The Commissioner also discusses the revised high school graduation requirements and revised Core Curriculum Content Standards approved by the State Board of Education earlier this month.

The new high school graduation requirements include a total of 120 credits and the infusion of 21st century skills across all content areas. The new content standards are considered to be an important conerstone of Governor Corzine $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{M}$'s commitment to ensure that New Jersey $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{M}$'s high school graduates have the skills they need to lead productive lives and contribute to the economic health of the state.