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Murphy Administration Announces Promising Practices Project to Accelerate Student Learning in NJ Schools

Trenton, NJ – The New Jersey Department of Education today announced the participating schools involved in a research initiative to identify and spotlight innovative practices that New Jersey schools implemented to accelerate student learning. The Promising Practices Project is a partnership with the New Jersey State Policy Lab and the Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies, which are both at Rutgers University. This initiative explores the best practices that dozens of successful school districts have used to improve learning in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Rutgers researchers have identified a diverse array of 52 schools from 47 local educational agencies (school districts and charter schools) that have demonstrated exceptional growth in student performance when comparing pre- and post-pandemic performance in English Language Arts and Mathematics. The research team interviewed school leaders and educators from the 52 schools and are currently identifying the most successful strategies they implemented to help students overcome learning losses during the pandemic. The findings from the study will be presented in a formal report, with the goal of sharing the innovative learning approaches with schools throughout the state via presentations, resources, and convenings, so other educators can effectively replicate the successful programs and initiatives.

“Working together to identify classroom-tested strategies that address our children’s most pressing academic needs is paramount,” **said Governor Phil Murphy**. “Through the Promising Practices Project, we are pulling together invaluable first-hand feedback from educators across the state – from Sussex to Cape May – to support accelerated learning and ensure our students are on pace to meet their educational goals.”

“We hope that teachers statewide will be able to capitalize on the information in this initiative to provide students with innovative approaches tailored to their learning needs,” **said Kevin Dehmer, Acting Education Commissioner**. “We know that students throughout the state have struggled to fully recover academically in the post-pandemic world, and we remain committed to ongoing efforts to support their growth.”

The research focuses on promising practices in curriculum, and may include other metrics such as school climate, summertime and after-school programs, and unique approaches to meet the needs of student populations. The Promising Practices Project is exploring how individual schools successfully served students’ unique needs. For more information about the project, please visit the [Promising Practices webpage](#).

The State allocated \$1 million for the research initiative at its onset in FY23.

The following table provides a list of the New Jersey schools that were identified to be included in the research effort.

The Promising Practices Project – Identified Schools

County	School District	School Name
Atlantic	Atlantic City School District	Chelsea Heights School
Atlantic	Galloway Township Public School District	Reeds Road Elementary School
Atlantic	Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District	Oakcrest High School
Bergen	Bergenfield Borough School District	Hoover Elementary School
Bergen	Garfield Public School District	Woodrow Wilson School #5
Bergen	Lodi School District	Roosevelt School
Camden	Cherry Hill School District	Rosa International Middle School
Camden	Haddonfield School District	Central School
Cape May	Ocean City School District	Ocean City High School
Cape May	Lower Cape May Regional School District	Richard M. Teitelman Middle School
Cumberland	Millville School District	Rieck Avenue Elementary School
Cumberland	Vineland Public School District	Marie Durand Elementary School
Essex	Caldwell-West Caldwell School District	Lincoln Elementary School
Essex	Newark Public School District	University High School
Essex	Orange Board of Education School District	Orange Prep Academy Sch of Inquiry and Innovation
Gloucester	Gateway Regional High School District	Gateway Regional High School
Gloucester	Monroe Township Public School District	Radix Elementary
Gloucester	Swedesboro-Woolwich School District	Walter Hill School
Gloucester	Township of Franklin School District	Caroline L. Reutter School
Gloucester	Washington Township School District	Birches Elementary School
Gloucester	Washington Township School District	Whitman Elementary School
Gloucester	Deptford Township Public School District	Good Intent Elementary School
Hudson	Hoboken Public School District	Joseph F Brandt Elementary School
Hudson	Union City School District	Sara M. Gilmore Academy
Hunterdon	Flemington-Raritan Regional School District	Reading-Fleming Intermediate School
Mercer	Princeton Charter School	Princeton Charter School
Middlesex	Woodbridge Township School District	Oak Tree Road Elementary School
Middlesex	Woodbridge Township School District	Robert Mascenik Elementary School
Monmouth	College Achieve Greater Asbury Park Charter School	College Achieve Greater Asbury Park Charter School
Monmouth	Hazlet Township Public School District	Middle Road School
Monmouth	Middletown Township Public School District	Navesink Elementary School
Morris	Parsippany-Troy Hills Township School District	Mount Tabor Elementary School
Ocean	Berkeley Township School District	H & M Potter School
Ocean	Brick Township Public School District	Brick Township Memorial High School

County	School District	School Name
Ocean	Lacey Township School District	Cedar Creek Elementary School
Passaic	Passaic City School District	Passaic Gifted and Talented Academy School #20
Passaic	Passaic City School District	Passaic Preparatory Academy
Passaic	Paterson Public School District	School 28
Passaic	Paterson Public School District	Charles J. Riley, School 9
Passaic	Wayne Township Public School District	Packanack Elementary School
Passaic	West Milford Township Public School District	Upper Greenwood Lake Elementary School
Somerset	Bound Brook School District	Community Middle School
Somerset	North Plainfield School District	North Plainfield Middle School
Somerset	South Bound Brook Public School District	Robert Morris School
Sussex	Hamburg School District	Hamburg School
Union	Cranford Public School District	Orange Avenue School
Union	Elizabeth Public Schools	Elmora School No. 12
Union	Plainfield Public School District	Dewitt D. Barlow Elementary School
Union	Plainfield Public School District	Frederic W. Cook Elementary School
Union	Roselle Public School District	Harrison Elementary School
Union	College Achieve Central Charter School	College Achieve Central Charter School
Warren	North Warren Regional School District	North Warren Regional School



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