



**Adoption Resolution
March 3, 2021**

State of New Jersey
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution in Honor of Gifted and Talented Students Month in New Jersey

Whereas, gifted and talented children and youth demonstrate high achievement capability in areas such as intellectual, creative, artistic, or leadership capacity, or in specific academic fields, and need services and activities not ordinarily provided by the school in order to fully develop those capabilities; and

Whereas, the Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Act was signed into law by Governor Murphy on January 13, 2020; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Department of Education (Department) established the Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee), comprised of five sub-committees that provide recommendations and guidance on: the law's implementation, identification of students, programming, the intersectionality of cognitive and affective needs, and professional development; and

Whereas, gifted and talented education is needed to provide education for advanced students, to teach gifted and talented students the skills needed in their careers and lives, to meet social and emotional needs of students, and to keep them engaged in school; and

Whereas, longitudinal research has shown that gifted and talented programs have a positive effect on students' post-secondary plans, including a higher rate of advanced college degrees and involvement in creative productive work following college and graduate school; and

Whereas, the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Department support Statewide and local education agencies' efforts to meet the needs of gifted and talented and twice-exceptional students and to ensure they are appropriately identified and provided the opportunity to fulfill their potential; and

Whereas, the Department and the Advisory Committee will continue support for gifted and talented students by developing resources for school districts to enhance the gifted and talented continuum of services, policies, and procedures implemented in school districts, as well as professional development for teachers, educational services staff, and school leaders; now, let it be

Resolved, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education recognize the month of March as "Gifted and Talented Students Month in New Jersey" to honor the gifted and talented students of New Jersey, as well as their parents, teachers, and school leaders who are working to ensure that these students have equitable access to the resources and opportunities they need to achieve their full potentials.

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