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Teacher Recruitment Initiative Sets Dates for Fall

The Department of Education's Recruitment Initiative staff are participating in a variety of activities beginning this month to help attract teacher candidates to New Jersey. **The next event, a bilingual preschool teacher recruitment event, will be held on Saturday, October 23, at the Paul Robeson Student Center in Newark, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

The New Jersey Department of Education established a recruitment initiative in 2000 to assist local districts in filling vacancies for teachers and other positions. The DOE representative attends job fairs and visits college campuses along the East Coast, extolling the virtues of working in New Jersey, which enjoys a location between Boston and Washington D.C., is diverse in climate, culture, and geography, and pays high salaries to educators in comparison with other states. The initiative also maintains NJHire, a free, internet-based service that allows for school boards and prospective teacher candidates to list their needs electronically.

The recruitment event at Rutgers Newark is one of three presentations the department is participating in to recruit bilingual preschool teachers. The presentations are sponsored by the Hispanic Directors Association of New Jersey. The first presentation was held on October 16 in Jersey City. The final bilingual preschool recruitment event will be on **Saturday, November 6** at Thomas Edison State College, Trenton, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The department is also participating in a series of three presentations designed to promote the Troops to Teachers Program to retired members of the military. The first sessions were held on September 17 and October 20. The remaining session is scheduled to be held **Thursday, October 28**, at the New Jersey National Guard headquarters in Lawrenceville.

The recruitment initiative also includes participation in the Mid Atlantic Association for Employment in Education Career Fair at the Eisenhower Inn & Conference Center in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on **Tuesday November 16** and the Central Jersey Program for the Recruitment of Diverse Educators Career Fair, to be held on **Saturday, January 8, 2005** at Hillsborough High School in Hillsborough, New Jersey. Earlier this month, the DOE staffed two career fairs held at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, for math majors and liberal arts majors.

NOTE: Reporters and photographers are invited to attend any of the events listed in this advisory. For further information, call the Department of Education's Public Information Office at 609-292-1126.