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News Advisory DOE Schedules Public Hearings on School Costs Report

The New Jersey Department of Education has scheduled three public hearings to be held on Monday, December 18 to discuss the *Report on the Cost of Education* which was released by DOE today.

The purpose of the report is to calculate the costs that New Jersey school districts face in meeting state performance and accountability standards. A copy of the report is available on-line here:
www.state.nj.us/njded/news/2006/report.pdf

The hearings will be chaired by Education Commissioner Lucille E. Davy, who noted that additional hearings will be scheduled in January.

"This is just the beginning of the process designed to enhance understanding of the department's work on a new school funding formula, and we are seeking as much public input as possible," the Commissioner said.

Each hearing will include a main site and a remote site, which will allow people to offer testimony via videoconferencing. Each organization will be limited to one speaker per site and all speakers will be limited to five minutes each. If any time remains at the end of each hearing, people may be able to speak a second time.

People who wish to testify MUST register in advance and sign a release that will permit their voices to be recorded and broadcast on line. A registration form is available on-line at <https://education.state.nj.us/sff/sff.php>. People may also register by phone by calling 609-292-6038.

Here is the schedule for the day:

- 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon Main Location: Enterprise Center of [Burlington County College](#), Mt. Laurel
Remote Location: Alton Auditorium, [Richard Stockton College of New Jersey](#), Pomona
- 3:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Main Location: Room K-127, first floor, Kean Hall, [Kean University](#), Union (Union County)
Remote Location: Cohen Hall, Room B-111 or Emeriti Hall Room D-204, [County College of Morris](#), Randolph
- 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Main Location: Room K-127, first floor, Kean Hall, [Kean University](#), Union (Union County)
Remote Location: Twin Lights 1, SLC 106, Donald D. Warner Student Life Center, [Brookdale Community College](#), Lincroft.

Those who would prefer to submit written testimony rather than attend the hearings in person may send that testimony electronically to legislative@doe.nj.gov or fax it to 609-777-2077. The deadline for submitting written testimony is 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 28.

The hearings will be webcast throughout the day. They can be viewed using Windows Media Player (download the player from <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/download/AllDownloads.aspx?displang=en&qstechnology>

View the stream at www.njedge.net/doelive

Archives of the stream will be available from the NJEDge.Net website (www.njedge.net) or the Department of Education Web-site (www.state.nj.us/education) beginning Wednesday, December 20, 2006.

The videoconferencing and webcast of the hearing are being coordinated by NJEDge.Net, New Jersey's Higher Education Network. NJEDge.Net is a non-profit consortium of the Presidents' Council that was created to enhance instruction, research and public service at the state's colleges and universities through a broadband statewide network. One of the network services is the NJEDge Video Portal, which is a large scale videoconferencing system

capable of delivering several hundred videoconferences with multiple participating sites.

Directions:

Richard Stockton College of New Jersey: <http://intraweb.stockton.edu/eyos/page.cfm?siteID=94&pageID=4>
Parking available in Lot 1.

Burlington County College: <http://www.bcc.edu/pages/134.asp> Parking available

Kean University: <http://www.kean.edu/directions.html> Parking available only in the white lines

County College of Morris: www.ccm.edu/visitor/traveldirections.shtml Parking available in Lot 7.

Brookdale Community College: <http://www.brookdale.cc.nj.us/content.php?ID=114>
Parking available