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DOE Launches Web Site for Spanish-Speaking Families

A Web site designed to provide Spanish-speaking families with greater access to information about New Jersey's education system and the various state resources that are available has been launched by the Department of Education, officials announced today.

The Web site, <http://www.state.nj.us/njded/bilingual/parents/spanish/>, contains information on scholarships, English as a second language classes for adults, resources for children with disabilities, the No Child Left Behind Act and educational rights. It also offers general resources for parents to help their children become better students.

"It is essential that we help all parents in New Jersey become engaged in their child's education," the Commissioner Lucille Davy said. "Our hope is that this Web site will increase the number of families who can take advantage of the wealth of information and resources that the Department makes available."

Commissioner Davy said the Hispanic student population increased by over 40,000 students from 2001 to 2006, with many of these students coming from Spanish-speaking homes.

"More than 13 percent of our state speaks Spanish at home," Commissioner Davy said. "As the second-largest language group and a significant portion of New Jersey's population, it is important that we provide access to information that will help these families support and participate in the education of our youth."

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