



**Acting Education Commissioner Chris Cerf Issues Statement on
New Jersey's Participation in Writing New Science Standards**

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Trenton, NJ – Acting Education Commissioner Chris Cerf issued this statement, following the [announcement](#) that New Jersey will join a select group of states to lead the important effort to improve science education for all students. The Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) process is being managed by Achieve, an education reform non-profit organization.

“Setting high academic standards is one of the four building blocks of reform for New Jersey schools. In addition to leading the effort to implement the Common Core State Standards in math and English language arts, New Jersey was announced today as one of 20 states taking an instrumental role in the development of new science standards. As a lead partner in this effort, New Jersey will work collaboratively to define the content and practices that students will need to learn from kindergarten through high school graduation, to ensure all students graduate from high school ready for college and career. We are excited to participate in this national collaborative, and to continue to ensure that New Jersey is a national leader in STEM education.”