



Acting Commissioner Chris Cerf speaks to 500 Superintendents in Jackson

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Acting Commissioner Chris Cerf spoke today to 500 Superintendents in Jackson about the New Jersey Department of Education's plan to close the state's persistent achievement gap. The event was hosted by the New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA).

In the presentation, Acting Commissioner Cerf presented data on the state's overall performance and persistent achievement gap over the past several years, and discussed several Department initiatives to [improve student achievement](#). Among others, Acting Commissioner Cerf discussed initiatives to support the implementation of the Common Core State Standards, the development of a [new statewide accountability system offered through flexibility from No Child Left Behind](#), and a comprehensive educator effectiveness plan.

Acting Commissioner Cerf was joined in the presentation by Chief Performance Officer Bari Erlichson, Chief Academic Officer Penny MacCormack, and Chief Talent Officer Peter Shulman.

A copy of the presentation can be found at the link below:

[Copy of Presentation](#)



From left: NJASA President Dr. Andrew Rinko , President-Elect Dr. Donna Van Horn, NJASA Executive Director Dr. Richard G. Bozza, NJDOE Acting Commissioner Cerf, State Board of Education Vice Chair Ilan Plawker, NJASA Secretary Dr. Gary McCartney, NJASA Treasurer Dr. Brian Zychowski, NJASA Immediate Past-President Ms. Judith Ann Rattner



From left: NJASA President Dr. Andrew Rinko,

NJASA Executive Director Dr. Richard G. Bozza,
NJDOE Acting Commissioner Cerf, State Board of
Education Vice Chair Ilan Plawker, Jackson
Superintendent Thomas Gialanella and board
members Linda Lackay and Barbara Fiero