



## Christie Administration Announces Educators to Participate in Achievement Coaches Program

*19 districts to share \$1.25 million to develop and deliver professional learning sessions to peers*

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**Trenton, NJ** - The Department of Education today announced the selection of 16 districts to participate in the Achievement Coaches program and three districts to lead content development for this initiative. The districts were selected from among 53 applicants and will split \$1.25 million in grant funds made available by the state.

Announced in October, the Achievement Coaches program was created to strengthen the understanding of the state's key education initiatives and enable a number of outstanding educators to have a broader impact. Specifically, three districts will work with the state to create professional development sessions to support teaching methods, standards alignment, and evidence-based decision-making. Then, 16 districts will each send groups of "Achievement Coaches" to a summer session to prepare to deliver the training to peers across the state.

"I am very pleased that we can honor the outstanding work and leadership evident in so many districts through this opportunity," said Education Commissioner David C. Hespe. "We are counting on these new Achievement Coaches to share their knowledge and expertise both with our team at the Department and with other educators."

The Department will begin working with grant awardees in February and the majority of the training will occur during the summer of 2015. Of the total grant amount, \$250,000 will be used to design the professional learning sessions, and the remaining \$1 million will be used for stipends for Achievement Coaches, as well as other costs and materials associated with the program.

"We know that New Jersey educators are the best and most qualified individuals to lead professional learning," said Assistant Commissioner/Chief Talent Officer Peter Shulman. "We look forward to working with many of them through the Achievement Coaches program to expand resources and opportunities supporting educators across the state."

A list of the participating districts is below. For more information on the program, visit [www.nj.gov/education/AchieveNJ/achievementcoaches/](http://www.nj.gov/education/AchieveNJ/achievementcoaches/).

The selected districts include:

District	County	Program
Bergenfield Boro	Bergen	Achievement Coaches
Caldwell-West Caldwell	Essex	Achievement Coaches
Clearview Regional	Gloucester	Achievement Coaches
Hopatcong	Sussex	Achievement Coaches
Jackson Township	Ocean	Achievement Coaches
Little Egg Harbor Township	Ocean	Achievement Coaches
Mantua Township	Gloucester	Achievement Coaches
Maurice River Township	Cumberland	Achievement Coaches
Metuchen	Middlesex	Achievement Coaches
Morris County Voc. Tech.	Morris	Achievement Coaches
Old Bridge Township	Middlesex	Achievement Coaches
Palisades Park	Bergen	Achievement Coaches
Passaic City	Passaic	Achievement Coaches
Princeton	Mercer	Achievement Coaches
Scotch Plains-Fanwood		

Regional	Union	Achievement Coaches
South River	Middlesex	Achievement Coaches
Elizabeth	Union	Content Development
Watchung Hills Regional	Somerset	Content Development
East Brunswick	Middlesex	Content Development