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May 14, 2010

TIME SENSITIVE
Additional Meeting Added in North Jersey
Time Change for Harrison Meeting

TO: District Superintendents
Charter School Leaders
Board of Education Presidents
Charter School Board of Trustees Presidents
Teachers' Union Presidents

FROM: Bret Schundler, Commissioner

SUBJECT: **Race to the Top Town Hall Meetings – Changes**
Additional Meeting in North Jersey (Passaic Co. Technology Institute)
Time Change for Meeting in Harrison

Note two changes to the list of Town Hall meetings distributed on 5/13/10:

May 20, 2010 – 6:30 p.m. start time for Harrison meeting (all other meetings begin at 7:00)

June 2, 2010 – meeting added in North Jersey (Passaic County Technology Institute)

As you know, New Jersey is applying for Round 2 of the U.S. Department of Education's Race to the Top (RTTT). We could win up to \$400 million dollars to support public education in the state—including up to \$200 million that would go directly to school districts.

One of the factors that will determine who will win is stakeholder support - in particular, how many superintendents, school board presidents, and local union presidents sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreeing to participate in RTTT.

It is my hope that I can share information with you in person and respond to your questions and concerns. The Race to the Top MOU and information about the application can be found on the Department's website at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/arra/grants/rttt/round2/index.html>

I would like to invite you to attend one of the meetings scheduled during the next two weeks to talk about our state's application. See attached list of meeting dates and locations.

If you are unable to attend one of the meetings, please feel free to send any questions you may have to Pam Castellanos (pam.castellanos@doe.state.nj.us) or to speak with your Executive County Superintendent directly.

I know all of this process is moving quickly, and I thank you for your understanding.

**Race to the Top Town Hall Meetings
(revised 5/14/2010)**

Monday, May 17, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Ocean City Music Pier

Ocean City, NJ 08226

Located on the Boardwalk at Moorlyn Terrace, between 8th and 9th Streets

Parking available at municipal lots on 8th and 9th streets

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Burlington County Institute of Technology

Westampton Campus

695 Woodlane Road

Westampton, NJ 08060

Thursday, May 20, 2010

6:30 p.m.

Harrison High School

800 Hamilton Street

Harrison, NJ 07029

**EARLIER
START TIME**

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Raritan Valley Community College (Grand Conference Room)

118 Lamington Road

Branchburg, NJ 08876

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Neptune Township High School

60 Neptune Boulevard

Neptune, NJ 07753-4836

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Passaic County Technology Institute

45 Reinhardt Road

Wayne, NJ 07470

**ADDITIONAL
MEETING**