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Fostering Change in School Culture through Character Education (FCSCCE)

Application & Project Guidelines

Now available for download from the NJCCE website at: <http://www.nj-charactered.net/>

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) and the New Jersey Center for Character Education (NJCCE) at Rutgers University have extended an invitation to all chief school administrators and charter school leadpersons to encourage schools in their districts to apply to participate in an exciting project that is part of the new Partnerships in Character Education Grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The NJDOE and NJCCE seek to identify five schools that are aspiring to effectuate change in school culture through the *Social and Character Education Development Process*, a model described in the application package available for downloading from the NJCCE website at: <http://www.nj-charactered.net/>. In addition to the training and technical assistance provided by the mentor school and the NJCCE, aspiring schools will receive a \$1,000 stipend to apply to costs associated with project participation.

The FCSCCE Project will:

- Provide schools that aspire to improve professional practice and student outcomes with opportunities for development through a year-long collaborative relationship with mentor schools identified as modeling best practices;
- Provide guidance and support that will help educators address challenges along their journey toward more effective social and character education programs; and
- Assess the processes of developing, implementing, and sustaining high-quality character education initiatives.

For detailed information about the project, visit the NJCCE website to review the project overview and application materials which will provide an introduction to the scope, theoretical orientation and practical intent of this year-long mentorship opportunity. Please note that **applications must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2007.**

If you have questions about the FCSCCE project, please contact Becky Sapora-Day, NJCCE's Manager of Program Services, at (732) 445-7504.

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