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## CHARACTER\_EDUCATION\_NETWORK ALERT September 2008

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Dear Colleagues,

This special Network alert provides information on two upcoming technical assistance workshops:

## *How to Prepare Your New Jersey Schools of Character Application*

These free workshops have been designed for educators to:

- Learn about the New Jersey Schools of Character (NJSOC) program
- Find out how to participate
- Understand the application process
- Learn how to get started
- Get tips on improving your application
- Meet other interested colleagues

*NOTE: Because this year's application deadline is December 8, 2008, we have scheduled these workshops early in September and October to give interested participants enough time to plan, organize, and prepare high quality applications.*

The workshops will be offered in two convenient locations:

<i>September 26, 2008 (South)</i>	<i>October 23, 2008</i>
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9:30am to 12 noon  
 Educational Information and  
 Resource Center (EIRC)  
 606 Delsea Drive  
 Sewell, New Jersey 08080

*(North/Central)*  
 9:30am to 12 noon  
 Passaic County Technical Institute  
 (Lecture Hall)  
 45 Reinhardt Road  
 Wayne, New Jersey 07470

**To register:** Go to the NJDOE Professional Development Events website at: <http://education.state.nj.us/events/> and select the workshop date/location that you prefer. Don't forget to click on the links for Directions to your chosen workshop location.

**Workshop Presenter:** Eileen Dachnowicz  
 Supervisor of Academic Affairs (Retired), Cranford High School, Cranford, NJ  
 NSOC Screener, Site Visitor and Book Author

Eileen Dachnowicz, the administrator who guided Cranford High School to become a National School of Character in 2004 will walk you through the application process and share some strategies that worked for her school.

Workshop attendees will get comprehensive and practical information that will prepare and guide schools in the NJSOC application process, such as:

- *Getting organized — Using the Eleven Principles as your framework*
- *Quality Standards — How does your Character Education initiative measure up?*
- *Developing your plan — Who, What, When, Why, How*
- *Writing your narrative — How to make every word count*
- *Portfolios — A picture is worth a thousand words*
- *Evidence — Selecting effective examples of results*
- *And much, much more!*

For those of you who would like to attend but are unable to get permission to leave your buildings to participate in either of these events, CSCD is planning to provide a webinar type resource that will be an alternative. However, Eileen Dachnowicz is a top national expert in the Schools of Character application process, and we encourage you to attend one of her sessions if possible.

Contact CSCD at 732.445.7504 for more information.

--Philip M. Brown, Ph.D.  
 Director