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CHARACTER_EDUCATION_NETWORK ALERT

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Dear Colleagues -

This special Network alert provides information on the two statewide/regional conferences we mentioned to you in the February 2008 **CHARACTER_EDUCATION_NETWORK** newsletter. Detailed information on the two parallel events in May are below.

As the inaugural events of the new professional association dedicated to supporting the social and character development field, these two conferences need your participation. They provide an opportunity to experience some of the best practitioners in the state, educators like yourselves, who are devoted to creating caring school communities.

Come and join us, join your association and meet other educators with values like yours!

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

“Leading for the Future”
Two Inaugural Conferences of

The New Jersey Alliance for Social-Emotional and Character Development

The NJASECD proudly presents two statewide regional conferences as the Inaugural Events of this new statewide professional association.

Dates and Locations:

- **May 16, 2008 (Southern Conference)**
8:30AM TO 3:00PM
Educational Information and Resource Center (EIRC)
Washington Township/Sewell, New Jersey
- **May 27, 2008 (North/Central Conference)**
8:30AM TO 3:00PM
Rutgers University, Busch Campus
Piscataway, New Jersey

About the Conference:

Professional Development Opportunities will include:

- Become a member of a NJASECD
- Hear keynote addresses from State and National Experts
- Learn about the best New Jersey teaching practices that will improve student learning and school climate
- Service-Learning Showcase (May 27 Conference ONLY)

Workshop Tracks include:

- Improving School Climate
- Best Classroom Practices
- Making School/Community Connections, and
- Providing Leadership for Systemic Change

Registration begins on March 15, 2008 at <http://www.eirc.org/event/NJASECD-Leading-the-Future/58.html>.

If you experience any difficulties you can also access the registration form at EIRC homepage: www.eirc.org and either click on the banner headline announcing the conference: NJASECD *Leading The Future* or go to the EIRC calendar and click on either of the conference dates, May 16 or May 27.

Costs

Select from Four Options:

\$35 Conference Registration with Box Lunch

\$50 Conference Registration, Box Lunch, and NJASECD Membership

\$25 NJASECD Membership Only, or

\$115 Registration for Team of 3, including Administrator, Box Lunch and 3 individual memberships.

For additional information, or to make sure you are on the mailing list for the complete conference announcement and details contact Karen Zukowsky, Tel: 856-582-7000 x109 or kzukowsky@eirc.org at EIRC.

About the Alliance:

The New Jersey Alliance for Social-Emotional and Character Development (NJASECD) invites you to *be in on the ground floor* to help us define the purpose and create the structure of this new association dedicated to elevating the quality of service and practice in our field. *Learn from the best practitioners* in New Jersey and the nation – how to improve, enhance and strengthen your work and your school's effective practice in character education, social-emotional learning and civic education.

Sponsors:

This conference is sponsored by NJASECD in partnership with the *Center for Social and Character Development at Rutgers University* and the *Educational and Information Resource Center* with special funding from the *Character Education Partnership* courtesy of *Radix Elementary School, - National School of Character*, Monroe Township Public School District.