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## CHARACTER\_EDUCATION\_NETWORK ALERT #5 FEBRUARY 2009

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This special announcement is a reminder to you, our network members, of the opportunity to support the growth of the NJ Alliance for Social, Emotional and Character Development (NJASECD) by attending their second annual conference event. The conference features best practices developed by your colleagues. All of the conference presenters are either National or State Schools of Character, or have received Promising Practice awards from the national Character Education Partnership. In addition, you will have the opportunity to volunteer or nominate someone to be a board member for the NJASECD and help guide the new organization so that it can fulfill its promise to create a vibrant network of people who believe in educating the whole child.

And to top it all off, the conference will culminate in the award ceremony celebrating the 2009 New Jersey Schools of Character. You are invited to join us at CSCD and the NJ Department of Education in honoring your colleagues who will be recognized at a reception following the awards.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at Rutgers on March 24th.

Philip M. Brown, Ph.D.  
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at Rutgers University

Register now on-line at  
[www.NJASECD.org](http://www.NJASECD.org)

*2nd Annual New Jersey Alliance for Social  
Emotional and Character Development  
Statewide Conference*

*“Moving Toward Your Vision: Creating a Culture  
of Character”*

Tuesday, March 24, 2009  
8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Rutgers University Busch Campus  
Piscataway, NJ

Click [HERE](#) for directions

Don't miss this excellent conference where you'll witness

- BEST CHARACTER EDUCATION PRACTICES being demonstrated by some of our colleagues from around the State.
  - Morning Keynote Speaker: Dr. Maurice Elias
  - 2009 New Jersey Schools of Character Awards will be presented during the conference.

Register now on-line at [www.NJASECD.org](http://www.NJASECD.org) through our umbrella organization, Educational Information & Resource Center (EIRC).  
The cost is \$65 including membership.

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NJASECD is a network dedicated to educating its members regarding pertinent research, fostering best practices, facilitating the exchange of resources and ideas, and advocating for the importance of a collaborative and caring organizational climate, and a healthy school culture.

For more information about NJASECD and the conference, please contact Mr. John Muller with EIRC at 856-582-7000, ext. 156