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March 5, 2014

TO: District Superintendents  
Charter School Lead Persons  
School Business Administrators

FROM: Evo Popoff  
Assistant Commissioner

RE: PARCC Technology Readiness Update: Regional Broadband Purchasing  
Consortia

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), along with a team of telecommunications procurement experts including North Highland Worldwide Consulting and Dellicker Strategies, will be conducting a series of seminars to explain the Broadband Component of the New Jersey Digital Readiness for Learning and Assessment Project (DRLAP) to school districts.

The Broadband Component is designed to help schools upgrade their data telecommunications capacity for online assessments and digital learning. The idea is to help schools get faster service for a better price by pooling their buying power into regional purchasing consortia.

The seminars will be hosted regionally by Bergen County Technical Schools (North), Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (Central), and Educational Information and Resource Center (South). Invitations with the program agenda and meeting details will be distributed to school districts within the next two weeks. In the meantime, schools are encouraged to save the below dates and prepare to send a representative to one of the upcoming sessions.

**North Region:** Bergen County Technical Schools - BCTS (For districts in Sussex County, Passaic County, Bergen County, Hudson County, Essex County, Morris County, and Warren County)

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
April 2, 2014	9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	BCTS, 200 Hackensack Ave, Hackensack, NJ 07601
April 2, 2014	12:30 PM – 3:00 PM	BCTS
April 4, 2014	9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Morris County Vocational School District, 400 East Main Street, Denville, NJ 07834
April 4, 2014	12:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Morris County Vocational School District

**Central Region:** Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission - MRESC (For districts in Union County, Somerset County, Hunterdon County, Middlesex County, Mercer County, Monmouth County, and Ocean County)

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
March 25, 2014	9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	MRESC – 1660 Stelton Rd, Piscataway, NJ 08854
March 25, 2014	12:30 PM – 3:00 PM	MRESC
April 1, 2014	9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	MRESC
April 1, 2014	12:30 PM – 3:00 PM	MRESC
April 3, 2014	9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	MRESC
April 3, 2014	12:30 PM – 3:00 PM	MRESC

**South Region:** Educational Information and Resource Center - EIRC (For districts in Burlington County, Camden County, Gloucester County, Salem County, Atlantic County, Cumberland County, and Cape May County)

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
March 18, 2014	10:00 AM – 12:30 PM	EIRC - 107 Gilbreth Parkway, Suite 200, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062
March 18, 2014	1:00 PM – 3:30 PM	EIRC
March 27, 2014	10:00 AM – 12:30 PM	EIRC
March 27, 2014	1:00 PM – 3:30 PM	EIRC

Please contact John Matthews of Dellicker Strategies ([jmatthews@dellicker.com](mailto:jmatthews@dellicker.com)) with any questions.

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