TO:    Chief School Administrators
       Charter School Lead Persons

FROM:  Marie Barry, Director
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           Regional Workshops

The New Jersey Department of Education’s Office of Career and Technical Education will host two
regional half-day professional development workshops for school districts and charter schools on
the recently adopted NJ Core Curriculum Content Standard (NJCCCS) 9.2, Career Awareness,
Exploration and Preparation, and Career Ready Practices. These sessions will provide an overview
of the updated standards, and also highlight best practices and available classroom ready resources
and tools to support implementation, including Personalized Student Learning Plans (PSLPs) and
the NJ Career Assistance Navigator (NJCAN), a state-supported, free online career exploration and
planning tool that can be helpful in implementing PSLPs. All elementary, middle and high schools
are responsible for implementing NJCCCS 9.2 and the Career Ready Practices as determined by
local boards of education.

Administrators, teachers and counselors interested in learning about the updated standards and
Career Ready Practices should attend. The dates, times and locations for the workshops are:

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| November 18, 2014  | 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Somerset County Vocational Technical High School  
14 Vogt Drive  
Bridgewater, NJ 08807 |
| November 20, 2014  | 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Atlantic County Institute of Technology  
Performing Arts Center  
5080 Atlantic Avenue  
Mays Landing, NJ 08330 |
There is limited capacity, so I encourage you to register early. There is no registration fee and prospective attendees should register by visiting the NJDOE website registration page at: http://education.state.nj.us/events/month/?month=11&year=2014.

As you may be aware, the Career Ready Practices reflect the career ready skills that students should be taught in all grade levels and reinforced in career exploration and preparation programs with increasingly higher levels of complexity and expectations. The Career Ready Practices are based on research with partners in both education and industry.

If you have any questions, please contact David McNair or Melissa Stager, Office of Career and Technical Education, at 609-633-0665.

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