TO: Chief School Administrators  
Charter School Lead Persons

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SUBJECT: District Level Administrators: Transitioning to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Workshops

The New Jersey State Board of Education adopted the NGSS on July 9, 2014. The timeline for transition to the new standards for districts requires full implementation in grades 6-12 by September 2016 and full implementation in grades K-5 by September 2017.

The Office of STEM is providing a series of professional development sessions that are designed to assist district level administrators in developing an efficient two-year transition plan. Participants will gain an understanding of the NGSS and how the new standards will impact teaching, learning, and classroom-based assessment. Participants will leave the workshop with practical tools that can be used to systematically prepare for their full implementation. Participants will have structured time to discuss opportunities for intra-district collaborations that can be leveraged to facilitate transition work.

The intended audience is elementary and secondary district and/or school administrators who will be supporting their district’s transition to the NGSS.

The workshops will be conducted twice in each region. Meetings begin promptly at 9:00 am and end at 3:00 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a digital device such as a laptop or notebook to the event.

- September 15, 2014, New Jersey State Museum
- September 24, 2014, Southern Regional Institute & ETTC
- September 25, 2014 Liberty Science Center
- October 6, 2014, New Jersey State Museum
- October 22, 2014, Southern Regional Institute & ETTC
- October 24, 2014, Liberty Science Center

Individuals wishing to attend one of the sessions should register at the Department of Education’s Calendar of Events website: [http://education.state.nj.us/events](http://education.state.nj.us/events).

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