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TO: Chief School Administrators
Charter School Lead Persons

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SUBJECT: Model High School Science Curriculum and Additional Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Transition Training Dates for District Level Administrators

Model Curriculum for high school biology, chemistry, earth and environmental science, and physics is now available at the Department’s Model Curriculum webpage.

The Office of STEM has added additional professional developments 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.

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.

- November 3, 2014, New Jersey Department of Education in Trenton
- November 14, 2014, Southern Regional Institute and ETTC
- November 17, 2014, New Jersey Department of Education in Trenton
- November 19, 2014, Liberty Science Center
- November 20, 2014, New Jersey Department of Education in Trenton
- December 5, 2014, New Jersey Department of Education in Trenton

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.

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