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TO:   Chief School Administrators
      Charter School and Renaissance School Project Lead Persons

FROM: Kimberley Harrington, Assistant Commissioner/Chief Academic Officer
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SUBJECT: New Jersey Department of Education’s Blended Online Learning Modules for Professional Learning Communities (PLC)

The New Jersey Department of Education, in conjunction with New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), have worked together with the input of New Jersey Principals and Supervisor Association/Foundation for Educational Administration (NJPSA/FEA), to create a suite of dynamic blended online learning modules to assist educators in their work in forming and maintaining efficient and active Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) using the Connected Action Roadmap (CAR) model.

The intent behind the building of these modules is to meet the demands of instructional collaboration, providing accessibility to and usefulness in PLCs. The purpose of the tools is to facilitate the integration of the modules in a district’s PLC school-based professional development. The modules are to be part of the cycle of teaching and learning as teachers refine their practice, as well as use data from formative, summative and PARCC assessments to inform their practice and differentiate student learning.

At this time, we are proud to announce the statewide launch of the Blended Online Learning Modules for PLCs. The modules can be found at www.online-plc.org. The Department will facilitate several training opportunities over the coming months that we hope you will take advantage of to shape your work with PLCs. Provided below is a list of six half-day training sessions located in the northern, central and southern regions of the state for a general overview of the program, as well as a Summer Institute for a deeper dive in to the modules. Instructional teams of educators are encouraged to register at https://education.state.nj.us/events/.
General Overview Dates

- **Central Region – May 31, 2016**
  9 a.m. – 12 noon
  1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
  New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association
  12 Centre Drive
  Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831

- **Northern Region – June 6, 2016**
  9 a.m. – 12 noon
  1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
  Morris County Public Safety Academy
  500 West Hanover Avenue
  Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

- **Southern Region – June 7, 2016**
  9 a.m. – 12 noon
  1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
  Rowan at Gloucester County
  1400 Tanyard Road
  Sewell, New Jersey 08080

Summer Institute

- **June 28 & 29, 2016**
  9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
  New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association
  12 Centre Drive
  Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831

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