Date: September 20, 2018
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
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Deadline: Applications must be submitted by October 23, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. EST.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Dual Enrollment and Early College High School Pilot Program Grant Opportunity

The New Jersey Department of Education's STEM Dual Enrollment and Early College High School Pilot Program grant will provide an opportunity for underrepresented comprehensive high school students to develop the skills necessary to compete and succeed in the innovation economy.

This grant opportunity will provide up to three selected “comprehensive” high schools – traditional high schools that offer career and technical education programs – with financial support and program development expertise to develop a P-TECH 9-14 model. This model, which was developed in partnership with IBM and the City University of New York, will be delivered through an academy approach. It aims to strengthen students’ technical and academic skills in a STEM pathway while attaining both a secondary and postsecondary degree while gaining valuable workplace employability skills. The grant period will start on December 1, 2018, and continue through June 30, 2020.

Eligible schools must meet the following criteria:
- District high school student enrollment for grades 9-12 for the 2018-19 school year has a minimum enrollment of 400 students.
- According to the most recent School Performance Report, the percentage of students enrolled in the comprehensive high school who are considered economically disadvantaged, as defined by receiving free and reduced lunch, must be a minimum of 50 percent.
- The comprehensive high school must be located within 20 miles from an industry partner and postsecondary/institution of higher education partner.

The STEM Dual Enrollment and Early College High School Pilot Program grant application is available on the NJDOE’s Office of Career Readiness webpage. Completed applications are due to the NJDOE by 4:00 p.m. EST on October 23, 2018.

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