Call for Nominations: 2026 NJASA Central Office Administrator of the Year Award

Dear NJASA Members and Colleagues,

The New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA) is officially accepting nominations for the **2026 Central Office Administrator of the Year Award**. This award is our opportunity to recognize a district-level leader who has exhibited exemplary educational leadership and brought honor to the profession.

Eligibility and Guidelines

- **Membership:** Nominees must be active NJASA members for at least two consecutive years, including the current school year.
- **Eligible Roles:** This award is open to all active district-level administrators, **excluding superintendents**.
- **District Representation:** Only one nominee per school district will be accepted.
- **Nominators:** Any NJASA member may submit a nomination on behalf of a fellow member; self-nominations are also accepted.

Selection Criteria

Nominations should highlight how a member embodies NJASA's beliefs through leadership and vision, impact on student achievement, and collaboration. Key characteristics to consider include:

- **Innovation and Efficiency:** Identifying solutions to district challenges and improving effectiveness.
- **Professionalism:** Maintaining high ethical standards and mentoring other administrators.
- **Community Engagement:** Fostering a deep understanding of the school program within the community.

Submission Requirements

For a nomination to be considered by the statewide judging panel, the following must be provided:

1. **The Official Application Form:** Included in the attachments.
2. **Letter of Recommendation:** Written by an NJASA member.
3. **Supporting Materials (Optional):** You may include up to five additional pages of evidence to enhance the application.

Please note that the official nomination application and eligibility notices are attached to this email for your convenience.

Important Deadlines

- **Submission Deadline:** All materials must be submitted by **April 15, 2026**.
- **Method of Submission:** Applications should be emailed to njasaexecutivedirector@gmail.com or mailed to the NJASA office at 920 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08618.

The recipient will be formally recognized during the **NJASA Annual Spring Leadership Conference** in Atlantic City. Thank you for your help in identifying our most dedicated central office leaders.

Sincerely,
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