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"Setting the Stage for a Great School Year: HR Offices in Preparation for 2026-2027"

Monday, August 10, 2026/9:30 AM-11:30 AM

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This virtual workshop will guide participants through a broad range of Human Resources issues that school districts are likely to encounter during the upcoming school year. The session is designed to help leaders prepare for the 2026–2027 school year by highlighting the critical planning, priorities, and essential preparations needed for a successful start.

AGENDA

9:15 am - 9:30 am — The meeting will open, Registrants will be admitted into the Waiting Room

9:30 am - 9:35 am — Program Overview -Joseph J. Annibale, NJASA Director of Professional Development - Introductions

9:35 am - 9:50 am — NJASA Legislative Update - Melanie Schulz, NJASA Director of Government Relations

9:50 am - 10:50 am — I. What's NEW for 2026-2027 & What to DO!

- Certification & Evaluation Updates

II. Start of New School Year-MUST DO's

- Last minute hiring
- Retention & Other Staffing Concerns
- NJSLEDS Update/ Deadlines
- Increment Withholdings-Now or Never
- Hiring Non-Citizen Staff
- FMLA/NJFLA Update
- Mentorship and the State's Provisional Program

10:50 am - 10:55 am — Break

10:55 am - 11:25 am — Negotiations Primer and Working under an Expired Agreement, Legal Updates: Current issues, evaluation, pension, SEHBP

11:25 am - 12:00 pm — The program will continue, and all presenters will remain available to the attendees for questions and/or discussions.

Session Facilitators:

Dr. Kenneth King, Assistant Superintendent (Retired), East Orange Public Schools
Mrs. Charity Comella, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, West Windsor Plainsboro Regional Schools
Dr. Jennifer Sharp, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Freehold Regional High School District
Mr. Patrick Duncan, Special Assistant for Labor Relations, West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District
Mr. Gary Hall, Director of Human Resources, Bergen Co. Tech. Schools and Special Services School District
Mr. Jesse Place, Assistant Superintendent, Manasquan School District

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