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TO: Chief School Administrators
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FROM: Peggy McDonald, Director *Peggy McDonald*
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SUBJECT: Person-Centered Approaches in Schools and Transition (PCAST)

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), in partnership with the Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities, is sponsoring regional training sessions on Person-Centered Approaches in Schools and Transition. Participants will learn fundamental skills, tools, and processes to implement person-centered approaches in schools. These include effective methods for gathering, organizing, and presenting information and strategies for using this information to improve post-school outcomes for students with disabilities. Attendees will learn where to find out more information and will also be invited to be a part of the PCAST Community of Practice to help them continue to learn from each other.

The PCAST training sessions will take place at the following locations:

- January 23, 2015, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Learning Resource Center North Satellite, Morris Plains
- March 19, 2015, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Learning Resource Center Central, Trenton
- May 1, 2015, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Learning Resource Center South, Mullica Hill

There is no charge for staff or parents to attend the training. Districts are encouraged to identify and invite parents to attend as a team. If you have questions regarding this training series, please contact Bob Haugh at (609) 633-6431 or by email at robert.haugh@doe.state.nj.us. Please visit the following link for registration information: <http://rwjms.umdny.edu/boggscenter/training/schools.html>.

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