

Important Message About Workshop 2020

After careful monitoring of the COVID-19 health crisis, the New Jersey School Boards Association has made the very difficult decision to not hold the in-person Workshop 2020 conference, which had been scheduled for Oct. 19-22 at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

Several factors contributed to this decision:

- First and foremost is our concern for the health and safety of our community.
- On April 22, we received a letter from the Atlantic City Convention Center formally announcing that the facility will be used as a field hospital for a period that could extend to Wednesday, October 21, which would have been the third day of our in-person Workshop.
- In addition, Governor Murphy recently signed Executive Order 138, extending the Public Health Emergency and continuing the prohibition of large gatherings. Considering the current data, there is no guarantee that restrictions will be lifted by the fall.

The situation, at best, is uncertain.

Nonetheless, we remain committed to meeting the professional development needs of school leaders.

Announcing the New 3-Day Virtual Conference, October 20-22

NJSBA is excited to announce that we are bringing the heart of Workshop—the training, collaboration, resources, and networking—to a virtual conference, to take place on October 20-22. The carbon-neutral virtual event will offer a wide variety of training, opportunities for professional development credit, highly engaging 3D virtual environments, special events, compelling speakers, and an interactive exhibit floor. More information will be shared in the coming months.

To ensure that the session style and format work for a virtual audience, we will also issue a new call for proposals. If you previously proposed a presentation for Workshop, we encourage you to resubmit it for the new event.

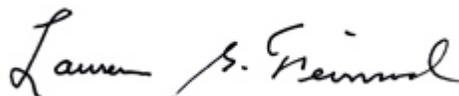
NJSBA is grateful for your commitment to the success of Workshop, and we look forward to your participation in our exciting virtual conference, October 20-22. Support for New Jersey's local boards of education, school districts, and public school students remains our top priority.

We wish you continued health and safety.

Sincerely,



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