

Dear School Community:

The Ocean City School District has been selected as one of the pilot school districts for the Excellent Educators For New Jersey (EE4NJ) Pilot Program Teacher Effectiveness Evaluation System. This new teacher evaluation system is structured so that 50% of the teacher's evaluation is based on student achievement and the other 50% is based on teacher practices. Each of the piloted school districts selected an observation/evaluation model to implement. Because of the work that our School District has already done, we selected the Danielson's Framework for Teaching model using iObservation.

The school districts chosen will conduct this pilot during this year. The New Jersey Department of Education (DOE) plans to roll out the new system statewide next fall. Therefore, this pilot program gives us an opportunity to join with other pilot School Districts to continue developing performance assessments and student achievement benchmarks. In addition, pilot districts will inform the DOE directly and will help shape the new evaluation system, which will be used state-wide. Furthermore, our teachers and administrators will have the opportunity to provide ongoing feedback and guidance to the DOE on this initiative.

The Department of Education has asked each pilot School District to post the attached EE4NJ Communications. Please find attached the following communiqués:

- Commissioner Cerf Op-Ed on EE4NJ
- EE4NJ Benefits
- EE4NJ Teacher Evaluation Framework Overview
- EE4NJ Evaluation Framework Graphic
- EE4NJ Pilot Presentation (Power Point)

Thank you,

Dr. Kathleen Taylor, Superintendent