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COMMUNITY

Congratulations and Welcome to the Cohort 2 members of the *innovateNJ* community.

innovateNJ is New Jersey’s initiative to support innovation and practice by fostering sharing and collaboration, cultivating projects, and convening practitioners and partners. Through your active participation as an *innovateNJ* member, the establishment of next-generation instructional practices as a standard within classrooms will promote and heighten the college- and career-readiness levels of our students.

innovateNJ Welcomes Cohort 2 members to the *innovateNJ* Community

On Wednesday April 22, 2015, the Office of School Innovation inducted the members of the Cohort 2 *innovateNJ* Community. Seventeen districts from the state of New Jersey became part of the ever-growing *innovateNJ* Community. After a welcoming speech from Assistant Commissioner Evo Popoff and Director of School of Innovation Takecia Saylor, the members were treated to amazing presentations from members of the *innovateNJ* Community who are already partnering and collaborating with other districts to bring best innovative practices to all students in their districts.

Among the presenters, Voorhees Township School District gave their presentation on how they form an innovation committee which served to inspire, engage and innovate with both students and teachers. Randolph Township gave its presentation on personalized learning showing how they have implemented Learner-Active Technology-Infused Classrooms, and how they have established a Self-Organized Learning Environment.

Join us in welcoming the new members of the *InnovateNJ* Community:

- A Harry Moore School of New Jersey City University of Jersey City
- Burlington County Special Services School District
- Fair Haven Public Schools
- Linden Public Schools
- Manalapan Englishtown Regional Schools
- Middletown Township School District
- Montgomery Township Public Schools
- Morris County School Vocational School
- Mt. Holly Township Public Schools
- Mt. Laurel School District
- River Vale Public Schools
- Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District
- The Lower Alloways Creek School District
- Toms River Regional School District
- Voorhees School District
- Warren Township Schools



innovateNJ Summit for School

Innovation 2015

innovateNJ in collaboration with edSurge and NJASA would like to cordially invite you to the first annual innovateNJ Summit for School Innovation. The summit will take place on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at Atlantic City's Caesar's Palace.



edSurge

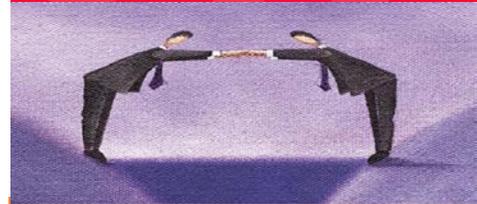


To obtain more information regarding attending EdSurge or the New Jersey Association of School Administrators

[HTTPS://WWW.EDSURGE.COM](https://www.edsurge.com)

[HTTP://WWW.NJASA.NET](http://www.njasa.net)

New Community Member Partnerships



Voorhees Township Schools & Linden Public Schools

A. Harry Moore School & Toms River Regional School District

Fair Haven & Warren Township Schools

Montgomery Township & Morris County Vocational

Scotch Plains-Fanwood & Mt. Holly Township

Manalapan Englishtown Regional & Burlington County Special Services

Middletown Township School District & Montville Township Schools

River Vale Regional School & The lower Alloways Creek & Mt. Laurel School District

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Long Branch Township Public School District presented on April 22 at the innovateNJ Cohort 2 Convening. The presentation was designed to share with our colleagues Long Branch's journey as they progressed through the project with their partners Springfield and Spotswood. Major themes discussed included designing unique learning opportunities for students and their parents and the importance of communication and collaboration among all stakeholders for the success of our students.

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Randolph Township schools presented to the innovateNJ community about personalized learning. They framed their experiences around five key ideas: relevance, questions, choice, collaboration, and voice. During their presentation, leaders from Randolph discussed how they have implemented Learner-Active Technology-Infused classrooms, Self-Organized Learning Environments, edcamps, instructional coaching, and Option II to create personalized learning for students, teachers, and administrators in their districts.

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The Voorhees Township School District identified innovative teachers from across the district and formed an Innovation Committee. The committee created a vision for instruction that helps to guide their instructional decisions. They have a brand that allows them to communicate that vision to all stakeholders. The brand is Inspire, Engage, Innovate. As a result of the collaborative efforts of the Innovation Committee, teachers are inspiring learners in engaging and innovative classrooms. Their biggest accomplishment has been the implementation of a 1:1 iPad initiative at the middle school and 1:1 iPad pilot programs at each grade level in their elementary schools.

