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Commissioner Notes that Federal Reviewers Heaped Praise on Proposed NJ Reforms

Trenton, NJ – New Jersey Education Commissioner Bret Schundler this evening sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan seeking the award of \$75 million in unallocated Race to The Top funds to New Jersey.

Commissioner Schundler noted in his letter that had New Jersey been allowed to correct a clerical error brought to the attention of reviewers of its application, the state would have placed 9th and received full funding of its application rather than no funding. Also included in the Commissioner's letter was some of the comments offered by reviewers who otherwise found the state's education reform plans comprehensive and strong.

"I ask you to provide New Jersey with the requested \$75 million in remaining funds not only for the sake of our children, but so we can more effectively model for all of America's school systems how significantly our Race to The Top reforms can increase student learning," Commissioner Schundler wrote.

The Commissioner's letter is attached.

Commissioner's letter [[pdf 1.4MB](#)]

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